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# Britain pulls out its envoys over Rushdie

## Howe gets tough after Ayatollah's new threat

- *Britain is withdrawing its four envoys from Tehran and has asked Iran to withdraw its diplomats from London*
- The measures are a concerted response to Ayatollah Khomeini's threat to kill Mr Salman Rushdie
- Britain's European Community partners agreed in Brussels to withdraw their ambassadors from Iran
- Britain warned that a grave situation would become much more serious if the threat of violence were carried out

By Michael Dynes in Brussels and Andrew McEwen in London

In a dramatic hardening of Britain's response to Ayatollah Khomeini's threats against Salman Rushdie, the Government yesterday took relations with Iran to the brink of rupture by announcing its four men in Tehran would be withdrawn immediately.

The Foreign Office also asked Iran to withdraw its two diplomats from London, stopping just short of expelling them.

The moves followed nearly a week of hesitation which prompted criticism that Britain was allowing itself to be *humiliated*. But until yesterday the Foreign Office tried to avoid steps which would harm Britain more than Iran.

Whitehall sources admitted that the loss of the Tehran listening post, regained only in November after months of diplomacy, would be a blow. The moves would also harm Iran's moderate faction, which Britain wished to help, and would play into the hands of hardliners. "But there comes a point where one can no longer *do nothing*," one official said.

When the withdrawal is complete bilateral ties will be at their lowest since Iran's revolution 10 years ago.

The unexpectedly tough action was taken after Britain's 11 European Community *partners had given unprecedented diplomatic support. Led by West Germany, which* took the strongest line, the Twelve agreed to withdraw their ambassadors or heads of mission from Tehran and freeze high-level visits between Europe and Iran. The first measure was expected but the second came as a surprise.

*The Twelve's toughness* startled observers who had expected Iran to receive a diplomatic slap on the wrist.

Under the EEC measure Britain will withdraw Mr Nicholas Browne, its Chargé d'Affaires, who arrived in Tehran only last month. But Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, decided to pull out the other two diplomats, Mr Gordon Pirie and Mr Victor Welborn, together with a communications officer.

Whitehall sources said the *aim was partly to show Britain's* strong disapproval of Ayatollah Khomeini's actions, and partly to avoid any risk to the Britons' safety.

Iran's Chargé d'Affaires, Mr Mohammad Mehdi Akhoond Zadeh Basti, was summoned to the Foreign Office and told to "draw the appropriate conclusion" — a euphemism *meaning that he and Iran's* First Secretary, Mr Djavad Kajooyan Fini, should leave.

"Britain has endeavoured to re-establish normal relations with Iran, but there can be no substance in this relationship while these threats of violence remain," Sir Geoffrey said in Brussels.

"If the threat of violence was transformed into the fact of violence, an already very grave situation would become much more serious."

The Foreign Secretary appeared surprised by the *strength of Community backing*, which contrasted sharply *with its lack of support* in condemning Syria over the plot to bomb an El Al jet leaving Heathrow in 1986. "The European Community shares our sense of outrage at Iran's incitement to commit murder on British soil," he said.

In addition to the main measures, the Twelve are to hold a meeting of Interior Ministers to decide whether to *impose restrictions on the* freedom of movement of Iranian diplomatic personnel in the Community. Iran already restricts the movements of European diplomats.

Observers believe that if the British Government had acted alone such steps might have entailed an unacceptable risk to British diplomats and hostages. It was the additional weight of West Germany, and the unanimous support of the others, which made it feasible.

Responding to questions about the fate of Mr Roger Cooper, the British businessman imprisoned in Tehran, and the British hostages held in Lebanon, the Foreign Secretary said that he accepted that the Community's action would "not make their situation any easier".

In an exceptional show of solidarity among the Twelve, Señor Francisco Fernández-Ordóñez, the Spanish Foreign *Minister, and Chairman of the* Council of Ministers, described the threats on the life of Mr Rushdie as an "affront to civilization" which could not be tolerated.

Sir Geoffrey was forced to delay by at least five hours a planned trip to Frankfurt to join the Prime Minister at the West German summit *because of the Iran affair.*

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**Portfolio Bond**

- *The Times* unique share price competition has been relaunched this week as Portfolio Bond.
- Readers who want to enter their *own portfolio of* shares into the competition should collect the vouchers being *printed in The Times* all this week.
- Portfolio Bond offers cash prizes totalling up to £10,000 daily.
- In addition to the £2,000 daily prize, there are hundreds of prizes, ranging from £10 to £1,000, to be won.
- Portfolio Gold cards are no longer eligible and should be destroyed.
- Seven people shared yesterday's daily prize (see page 3).

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- The best jobs available are in *The Times* tomorrow — in the 20-page weekly Appointments section.

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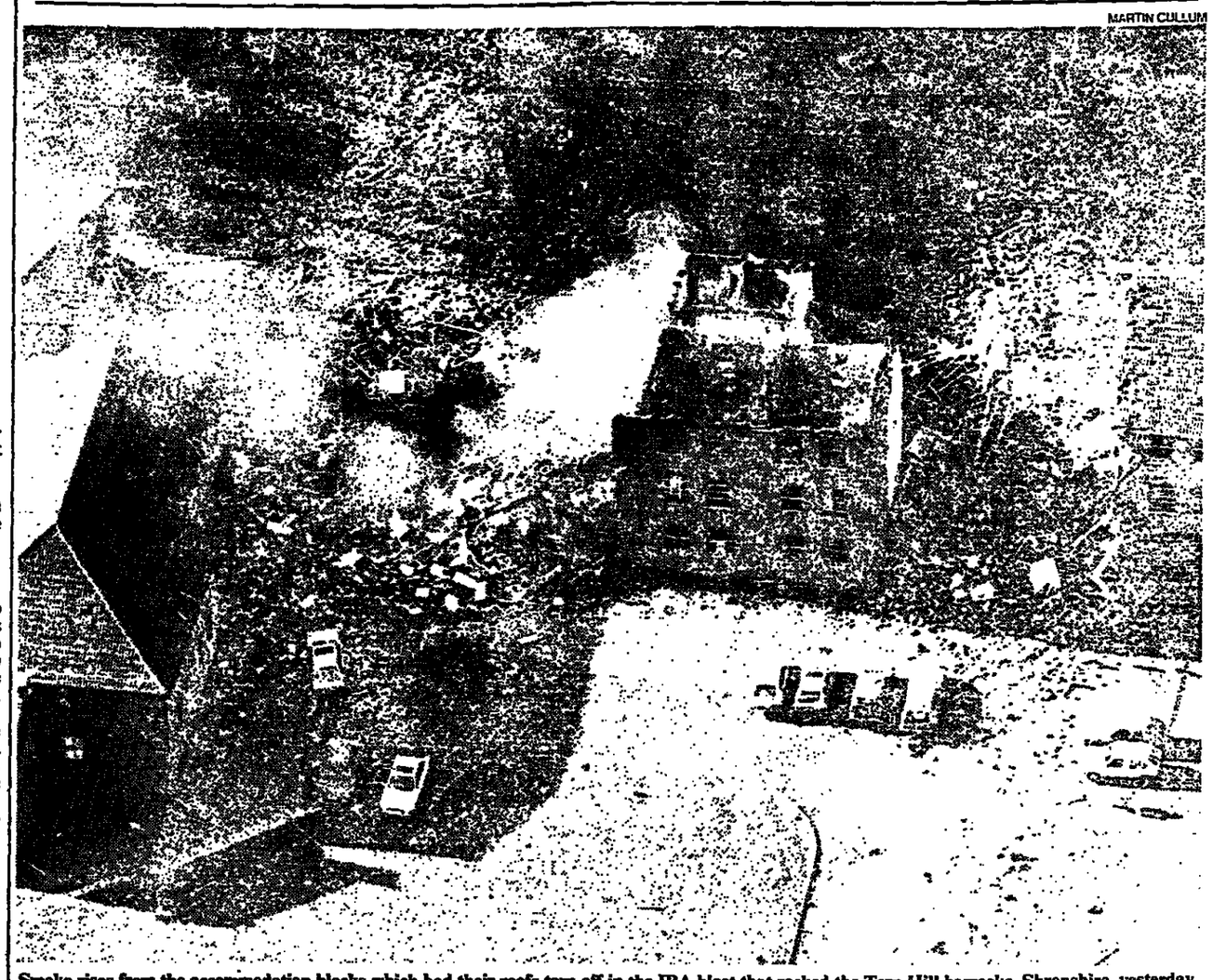
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# 'Prowler patrol' sentries foil IRA massacre

MARTIN CULLUM



Smoke rises from the accommodation blocks which had their roofs torn off in the IRA blast that rocked the Tern Hill barracks, Shropshire, yesterday.



Paratrooper Alan Norris: *Fired at the fleeing men.*

# Soldier opens fire on terrorists as 50 escape barrack bombs

By Craig Seton, Ian Smith, Stewart Tendler and Michael Evans

Two army privates who raised the alarm after challenging a couple of IRA terrorists planting bombs inside a Parachute Regiment barracks were praised as heroes yesterday for saving the lives of 50 of their comrades.

As Army barracks throughout the country were put on a heightened "amber" state of alert yesterday after the three bomb explosions at Clive Barracks, Tern Hill, in Shrewsbury early in the morning, Mr Archie Hamilton, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, said they had "averted a major disaster."

Top suspects for the attack which shattered parts of an accommodation block are the two IRA men wanted by London police after the discovery of a bomb factory in a south London flat on December 21.

The two men were known to have been planning a major campaign against military targets in Britain and 25lbs of Semtex plastic explosive is unaccounted for in the cache found by police.

Within hours of the attack, for which the IRA in Dublin claimed responsibility, a team of detectives from Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch led by Commander George *Churchill-Coleman, arrived at* West Mercia police headquarters to help local officers.

A nationwide hunt was ordered for the two IRA bombers who were foiled by a sentry, named last night by his father as Private Alan Norris, aged 26, a Falklands war veteran.

*Private Norris, who was on* "prowler patrol" around the perimeter of the barracks with a second private, disturbed the terrorists as they were planting three bombs in the three-storey accommodation building.

After a struggle, Private Norris fired three shots at the men before he rushed into the dormitory to rouse 50 soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, the *Parachute Regiment, who* evacuated the building.

Only 14 minutes after Private Norris had challenged the terrorists, who threatened him with an automatic pistol, the bombs exploded, shattering two large sections of the accommodation block and hurling debris across the *parade ground a hundred yards* away as soldiers ran for cover *in the darkness.*

Only one was injured, slightly, by flying glass.

The two terrorists escaped in the dark on foot along part of the 9.5-mile perimeter fence of the isolated barracks, three miles from Market Drayton, before running one mile to an *isolated house where one of* them held a terrified couple at

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# Minister says all NHS hospitals could opt out

By *Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent*

All National Health Service hospitals could eventually become self-governing under the Government's proposals for *reform, Mr Kenneth Clarke,* the Secretary of State for Health, said yesterday.

The proposals were immediately attacked by the Royal College of Nursing, the Labour Party and health service *unions who claimed that* threatened the "stable foundations of the NHS", and would lead to a two-tier service.

The White Paper on the NHS review, published last month, suggested that as many as possible of the 320 large acute hospitals would be able to opt out of local health authority control and become *self governing.*

However launching eight working papers giving details of the White Paper proposals, Mr Clarke said any hospital was capable of becoming self-governing. Some smaller specialist hospitals might find the transition easier.

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# Richmond poll cheer for Tories

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

Conservative nerves were steadied last night after the first opinion poll in the Richmond by-election in North Yorkshire showed the two centre parties level some 20 points behind Mr William Hague, the Tory candidate.

The Survey Research Associates poll for Tyne Tees Television dealt a severe blow to SLD and SDP hopes of getting a bandwagon rolling in time for Thursday's ballot and suggests Mr Hague is heading for a comfortable victory.

*This would come as a* welcome boost to the Prime Minister after two recent national polls showing Labour closing the gap on the Tories. The poll gives the Democrats 19.5 per cent, SDP 19 per cent, Conservatives 40.5 per cent and Labour 12 per cent.

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# Rogue wire cause of train disaster

By Rodney Cowton and Michael Horsnell

A "rogue wire" which should have been removed by British Rail technicians caused a signal fault which led to the deaths of 35 people in the *Clapham rail crash on Decem*ber 12, it was claimed yesterday on the first day of the formal inquiry.

The wiring was checked but the fault was not spotted by supervisors.

Shortly after 8.10am on December 12, the driver of a train from Basingstoke saw the faulty signal flicker, and stopped at the next signal to report it. This should have produced a red light on the signal behind.

However, the fault prevented the second signal working properly and a Poole commuter train crashed into the back of the Basingstoke train. It was in the Poole train that all the deaths occurred.

*These facts were outlined by* Mr David Latham QC, counsel to the inquiry, who said that the signal error arose when a new system was being installed, although he exonerated of all blame the company, ME Holdings of Plymouth, which supplied it.

Mr Brian Hemingway, a senior British Rail technician known as a meticulous worker, and Mr Patrick Dowd, his assistant, had been assigned to carry out the work which should have resulted in the removal of an old circuit.

The job was finished, but a *wire which had to be removed* from a fuse was left, untrimmed and not made safe.

Mr Latham said work on another set of signals the day before the accident was thought to have re-activated the old wiring.

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# Lords play for extra time on football ID cards




By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

The House of Lords last night wrecked the Government's scheme *to force the* 92 football league clubs to restrict entry to members only by the 1990 season.

Twelve Conservatives joined the Opposition and independent peers in voting to allow the Football Membership Authority to phase a scheme in division by division.

Government sources later admitted that the vote had wrecked the heart of the Football Spectators' Bill, which introduces the membership scheme.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who has personally backed the scheme, and her Ministers have argued strongly that the it should be imposed on all league clubs at the same time to combat football hooliganism. They say clubs have already had plenty of time to experiment with membership schemes. They must now decide whether to reverse the peers' decision when the Bill arrives in the Commons after Easter, or admit defeat.

Representatives of the game gave a cautious welcome to the vote because they fear the Government will eventually get its way and the Bill will reach the statute book.

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Voting in the Lords was 124 to 121 in favour of a cross-party amendment to phase in the scheme. Apart from the 12 Tory rebels, the Whips believed that 23 other Conservatives abstained because of doubts about the Government's timetable.

Later Lord Hesketh, the junior Environment Minister in charge of the Bill in the Lords, promised to consider a wide range of exemptions from the scheme rather than face further defeats *in the voting lobbies.*

The successful amendment was moved by Lord Harmar-Nicholls, a former Conservative MP, with the backing of Lord Mellish, president of *Millwall and a former Labour MP, and* Lord Graham of Edmonton, Labour's sports spokesman in the Lords.

They said it was not wrecking the amendment but designed to allow trial schemes before requiring all clubs to restrict entry to only those with identity cards.

## Social changes disclosed in Richmond and Pontypridd

# Results 'not a foregone conclusion'

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

A study of the social profiles of the Richmond and Pontypridd constituencies suggests that this week's by-elections may not be the foregone conclusions which the political world has assumed.

A Classification of Residential Neighbourhoods (Acorn), a survey by the international consultancy CACI Market Analysis, says that the people of Richmond are:

- Five times more likely than the national average to work in agriculture or forestry and that the area has a higher than average proportion of self-employed;
- Six times more likely to live in agricultural villages;
- Five times more likely to live in farmhouses and tied cottages.

The constituency also has twice the national average of people living in small town centres, especially over shops. More surprisingly, the population of Richmond has grown at nine times the national rate since 1981, especially in the 20-35 age group, partly because of increases in the garrison. The constituencyalso has a substantial and possibly growing number working in the service sector, many in villages of wealthy commuters to Darlington and Teesside.

CACI estimates that the constituency has a below average number of households – none the less in higher income groups – although unemployment is half the national average. Sharing in the credit boom, local residents are 40 per cent more likely than average to have a hire purchase agreement, although some of this that may be farming equipment.

By contrast in Pontypridd the people are:

- Three and a half times more likely than the national average to work in energy and water supply, such as mines;
- Six times more likely to live in unmodernized terrace housing;
- Twice as likely to lack a bath or inside toilet.

Mr Tim Hope, senior consultant with CACI, says: "In the light of these figures, the main parties ought not to be too complacent in relying on their traditional supporters. Even in these two heartlands of support there are signs of a newer Britain emerging."

Yesterday an opinion poll conducted by Gallup gave Labour a commanding lead in support with 59 per cent of the vote.

The figure was a drop of 6 per cent on an earlier poll but still put Mr Kim Howells, its candidate, in a strong position to retain the seat on Thursday.

The poll, commissioned by the *Western Mail* newspaper, gave Plaid Cymru and the Conservatives 17 per cent; Welsh Democrats, 3 per cent; Social Democrats 2 per cent; Communist, no backing; 1 per cent, others.

**A multi-million pound programme to improve the environment and economy of Wales was announced yesterday only two days before polling in the Pontypridd by-election (Richard Ford writes).**

**Labour accused the Government of attempting to bribe voters and improve the prospects of the Conservative candidate in the Mid Glamorgan seat by unveiling the £27.6 million programme.**

**Among the 206 projects announced by Mr Peter Walker, the Secretary of State for Wales, are four in the constituency, including £160,000 to be spent on three projects in Pontypridd town.**

Richmond, general election: L Brittan, QC (C) 34,996; D Lloyd-Williams (L/All) 15,419; F Robson (Lab) 6,737. Majority: 19,576.

Pontypridd, general election: Mr B T John (Lab) 26,422; Mr D Swayne (C) 9,145; Mr P G Saia-Ley-Berry (SDP/All) 8,866; Mr D L Bowen (PC) 2,498. Majority: 17,277.

# Jaguar workers vote to back 24-hour strikes

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent

Jaguar workers yesterday voted for a series of crippling strikes to back their fight for a pay deal to match rising inflation. Voting was 54 per cent in favour of action, which could start on Monday.

Union leaders said last night they would go ahead with their plan for a campaign of damaging one-day stoppages, despite the closeness of the vote. Each daily walkout will cost Jaguar output of 250 limousines and sports cars worth more than £4 million at showroom prices.

However, fears of an all-out strike receded as 4,492 of the assembly line workers in four key Midlands plants voted in favour of industrial action, with 3,741 against. The small majority has weakened the power of shop stewards who are calling for an indefinite strike to back their demand for a £17 a week rise.

Mr Keith White, shop steward for the Transport and General Workers' Union at Jaguar's main Browns Lane plant in Coventry, said convenors would meet in the next few days to plan action. He said the company would have to negotiate quickly if it wanted to avoid a strike next week.

Jaguar showed some signs of softening, saying it would be willing to go back to the negotiating table to discuss their "final" offer but could not afford any new money.

The latest offer would be worth £15 a week over two years which amounts to about 4 per cent – well below the present 7.5 per cent inflation rate.

Workers say that would give them no guaranteed hedge against inflation. Their negotiators want a straight £17 a week backdated to last November and new pay talks at the end of the year.

# Polar walkers fly out



Sir Ranulph Fiennes (right), the explorer, at Heathrow Airport yesterday before flying to Canada to begin his third attempt to walk to the North Pole with Dr Mike Stroud (left). Mr Lawrence Howell and his wife Morag (centre) will maintain radio contact at the base camp. plorer, left London for northern Canada yesterday on his third attempt to walk to the North Pole. He was accompanied by Dr Michael Stroud.


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## NEWS ROUNDUP

### de Savary eyeing John O' Groats

Mr Peter de Savary, the millionaire developer who owns one tip of the kingdom, is casting acquisitive eyes over the other.

Having bought Land's End in November 1987 and developed it with a hotel, museum and model village at a cost of £11 million, he has ordered a feasibility study of John O' Groats, the equally outlandish extremity of Caithness which he believes could accept further tourist developments.

About 200,000 visitors travel each year to the lonely coastline to savour the isolation, admire the view across the Pentland Firth and feel they can travel no further on the British mainland.

Last night, a spokesman for Mr de Savary's development interests said that John O' Groats was among plans being considered. Asked about the inconvenience of having two development sites as far apart as it was possible for them to be in Britain, the spokesman said: "They are not a million miles apart".

### Paint primer recalled

A paint company is recalling tins of primer from 2,000 shops across the country after the death of a teenager. Mr Brian Smith, the Kent coroner, wrote to Southampton-based International Paint after an inquest in Folkestone heard how Nathan Wellard, aged 16, collapsed and died while using the glass fibre primer on his father's yacht. The company said yesterday the paint's formula was changed in December and no longer contained the corrosive poison dichloromethane. But the company had written to its customers asking them to return unsold tins of the old primer.

### Mappa Mundi hope

It is now "very unlikely" that the Mappa Mundi in Hereford Cathedral will go to auction in June after a proposal by the National Heritage Memorial Fund, the fund's deputy director said yesterday. But the proposal would not involve buying the map or offering money directly to the cathedral, Miss Georgina Nayler said. It would be a way of guarding the map, the Chained Library and the cathedral itself. The Very Rev Peter Haynes, dean of the cathedral, said a final decision would be made next Tuesday.

### Anglo-Irish venture

The first meeting of a permanent Anglo-Irish parliamentary body is expected to be held in June with the long-term aim of improving relations between the two countries. Both the British and Irish governments have signalled their willingness to provide financial backing for the venture, announced yesterday, which will comprise 50 parliamentarians meeting twice a year in London and Dublin. Under the proposal which will be submitted to the respective parties and parliaments, 25 from each country will sit on the body with a government majority on each nation's delegation.

### Libel award for Todd

Mr Ron Todd, the general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union was awarded substantial libel damages in the High Court yesterday over allegations in the *London Evening Standard* that he snubbed a prestige Labour party rally to fly to Russia. The newspaper and the reporter concerned apologized and withdrew the allegations.

### Botham banned

Ian Botham, the cricketer, was banned from driving for 28 days and fined £150 by Droitwich magistrates yesterday for driving along the M42 in Alvechurch, Hereford and Worcester, at 107 mph last September. He was ordered to pay £10 costs.

## Karpov goes down to Short in first round

Nigel Short, the British grand master, has beaten Anatoly Karpov, the former Soviet world champion, in the first round of an international chess tournament at Linares in Spain.

Short, who earned $1,000 for winning, took the initiative with a Ruy Lopez opening as Karpov got off to a shaky start. Karpov lost a rook for a bishop before resigning after the 41st move.

The opening day was marred by the departure of Viktor Korchnoi, who abandoned the tournament without playing a match after a dispute over a Russian referee.

The tournament is now down to 11 players, including five Soviet grandmasters. Vasily Ivanchuk, of the Soviet Union, who was to have faced Korchnoi, did not play in the first round.

First round results:
Jan Timman (Netherlands) vs Lajos Portisch (Hungary) – match adjourned with Timman one pawn ahead;
Nigel Short (Britain) beat Anatoly Karpov (Soviet Union);
Artur Yusupov (Soviet Union) beat Andrei Sokolov (Soviet Union);
Boris Gulkov (Soviet Union) vs Johan Hjartarson (Iceland) – match adjourned in draw position;
Alexander Beliavsky (Soviet Union) vs Ljubomir Ljubolevic (Yugoslavia) – match adjourned with Ljubolevic in advantage after taking rook against bishop.

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# Killings at funeral revenge on IRA, cemetery trial told

The man charged with the Milltown Cemetery murders replied, "Brilliant", when detectives told him he had killed at least two people, Belfast Crown Court was told yesterday.

Michael Stone told police he would have shot more people but his Browning automatic pistol had jammed, Mr Ronnie Appleton, for the prosecution, said.

Mr Stone was chased through the west Belfast cemetery as he fired shots and lobbed grenades into a crowd of thousands of mourners, the court was told.

A crowd later seized him as he prepared to flee on the neighbouring motorway and bundled him into a car — but he was rescued by police after being beaten and thrown out of the car.

Mr. Stone, aged 33, of Ravenswood Park, east Belfast, has denied 38 terrorist charges, including murdering three men who died last March when he allegedly launched a gun and grenade attack on the mourners at the funerals of three IRA members killed in Gibraltar by the SAS.

The charges arise out of 11 alleged separate terrorist incidents stretching back to November 1984.

Mr Appleton told Mr Justice Higgins, sitting without a jury, that the attack at Milltown was seen by a police inspector monitoring the funerals through binoculars.

Mr Appleton said the funerals of the three who died in Gibraltar — Mairead Farrell, Sean Savage and Danny McCann — took place on March 16 last year and were attended by thousands of mourners. The cortege entered the cemetery without incident but then the police inspector heard three explosions followed by two further explosions and low velocity shots.

Mr Appleton said witnesses saw a man with dark hair and a dark anorak throw objects which exploded on impact, and fire at the mourners.

A number of people at the funeral, particularly the younger men, started chasing the attacker, who began moving down the centre path in the cemetery and crossing towards the fence in the direction of the M1.

At times he turned to throw missiles or to fire at the crowd. The police officer could see he was carrying a gun.

Mr Appleton said the court would also hear from a lorry driver who was stopped by the crowd on the motorway and saw a man being thrown out of the Skoda car.

A police inspector and two sergeants who arrived in a Land-Rover saw the defendant on the ground being beaten by several people.

Mr Appleton said: "They left the Land-Rover and managed, only by drawing their revolvers, to extract the man from the group. This man they will say was the defendant."

When Mr Stone was searched, police found 18 bullets, rings for igniting grenades and a magazine loaded with 11 rounds of 9mm ammunition.

Asked by police if he knew what he had done, Mr Stone replied: "How many did I get?" He said he was not a member of a paramilitary group and claimed: "I am a freelance". Mr Appleton said. The three men killed at Milltown were Thomas McErlean, aged 20, John Murray, aged 26, and Kevin Brady, aged 30, an IRA man.

Mr Stone has also pleaded not guilty to murdering three other Catholics and to a number of gun and explosive charges, but admitted carrying out the cemetery attack.

Mr Appleton submitted to the court a statement he said Mr Stone had made to the police. He had told detectives he wanted to kill republican leaders such as Mr Gerry Adams and Mr Martin McGuinness and said he launched the cemetery attack because he believed atrocities such as the IRA's Poppy Day massacre at Enniskillen and the La Mon restaurant bombing were being forgotten.

He knew top Provisionals would be attending the funerals of the IRA members killed in Gibraltar — "Adams, McGuinness and them boys. I had decided I was going to blow them away."

Mr Stone told police he joined the crowds in the Falls Road and started walking towards the cemetery.He saw Mr Adams and Mr McGuinness and "thought about doing them all there, but I knew I had no chance of getting away".

Mr Stone's statement went on: "The main procession came in and I wanted to set grenades near McGuinness and Adams but there were too many women and nippers about. I backed off as the television and cameras gathered."

The trial is expected to last three weeks.

# Achiever award for kidney boy

PETER TRIEVNOR



Christopher Copley in his bed at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, north London, yesterday after being presented with a McDonalds Child of Achievement Award for his courage in attempting to lead a normal life, in spite of more than 30 operations to correct chronic kidney disease. Christopher, aged 10, who was nominated by his older sister Karen, missed the national award ceremony at Guildhall, London, on Tuesday as he had just received a new kidney. He was presented with his award yesterday by Faith Brown, the television personality. Christopher, of Wealdstone, Harrow, north-west London, attends school when not on a dialysis machine and endeavours to lead a life as active as possible. McDonalds presents 150 achievement awards annually to children aged up to 16 who by their everyday lives help others or who have overcome personal illness or disability. The awards scheme, regarded one of the most valued for children in Britain, is in its sixth year. The children are chosen from more than 4,500 nominations by relatives, schools, friends, neighbours and social and youth workers throughout Britain. Each receives a certificate and an engraved trophy. The award presentation on Tuesday marked the conclusion of a successful fund-raising project to finance partly the Ronald McDonald House for parents of sick children at Guy's Hospital, central London.

## Portfolio Bond

## Seven toast new game

Seven readers of *The Times* were celebrating after winning the first Portfolio Bond competition launched yesterday. They share £2,000 and each receives £285.71.

The winners agreed that the competition was "much better" than its predecessor, Portfolio Gold.

Mrs Patricia Fleury, from Virginia Water, Surrey, said: "Once you know where your market shares are, you can check them more quickly."

Miss Diane Sorrell, a retired teacher of handicapped children, from Crediton, Devon, said: "I think the game will be more exciting."

Dr Geoffrey Fox Linton, a retired naval medical officer, from Aldershot, Hampshire, was "astonished to win".

The other four winners were: Mr R Beadle, of Sutton, Surrey; Miss Violet Pelling, of Farnham, Surrey; Mrs S Beck, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire; and Mrs P Barley, of Middleton on Sea, West Sussex.

THE TIMES F·O·R·U·M

Mr Malcolm Turnbull, the Australian lawyer who made his name defending former M15 officer Peter Wright over his *Spycatcher* memoirs, will be a main speaker in favour of Government plans to scrap the Bar's monopoly in the higher courts at *The Times* Forum on March 15.

Mr Turnbull will find himself speaking against another leading *Spycatcher* lawyer, Lord Alexander, QC, chairman of the Takeovers Panel.

In the same debate, to be chaired by Sir Robin Day, the Lord Chancellor's plans for a new system of licensed advocates will be oppposed by Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, Bar chairman, and supported by Mr David Ward, vice president of the Law Society.

The views of the judiciary will be put in summings up from: Lord Ackner, the Law Lord; and Sir Frederick Lawton, the retired Lord Justice of Appeal. Full programme and registration details, page 36.

# Judge fails to end jails slop-out

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

An attempt by the chief inspector of prisons, Judge Tumin, to get slopping out in jails in England and Wales ended within seven years failed yesterday.

However, the Home Secretary announced that more than 6,500 cells will get sanitation or access to sanitation by the end of the century.

Mr Douglas Hurd said in a parliamentary answer that the new programme will reduce the current 50 per cent, of places without access to sanitation to 13 per cent by the end of the century, about 8,000 places.

Judge Tumim said in a report: "Today, out of a prison population exceeding 50,000, about 27,000 men and women have to use a pot instead of a lavatory.

"Many have to do so in the presence of one or two other prisoners. The contents may then remain in the cell for up to 11 hours." Apart from the risks from germs, the pressure of daily queueing and the stench could easily exacerbate already frayed tempers.

Judge Tumim estimated that ending slopping out would cost between £20 million and £40 million.

Mr Douglas Hogg, Under Secretary of State at the Home Office, said at a press conference that the Government hoped to have built almost all the 6,500 new places within seven years.

*Prison Sanitation: Proposals for the Ending of Slopping Out* (H M Chief Inspector of Prisons; Home Office, £1.50).

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City technology colleges

# Finance talks sink school agreement

By David Tytler
Education Editor

Proposals to close a comprehensive school and open a city technology college have been scrapped after the collapse of financial negotiations. The decision will be a blow to the Government's aims to open a network of city colleges.

Fourteen months of argument ended yesterday when it was announced that Bexley council, south London, had failed to agree on terms with the two sponsors and the Department of Education and Science.

Thamesmead town and the Mercers Company, the City livery company, had each offered £1 million to set up a CTC at Riverside School, a mixed comprehensive for 11-18 year olds. The balance, plus £250,000 for equipment, would have come from the department, which told the council last week that the overall capital costs of the project were too high.

Mr Cyril Taylor, chairman of the City Technology Trust, said four alternative sites had been offered to the Mercers Company in the North, the Midlands, Greater London and the South.

He said: "Quite simply, the price Bexley was asking was too high. We have been criticized for flashing money around and we are sensitive to that."

Mr Brian Sams, chairman of Bexley education committee, said the council and the department had been unable to agree on cost. The Mercers Company had wanted 15 changes in the provisional agreement, he said.

He refused to give details. However, he said points of disagreement included the Mercers' refusal to guarantee continued secondary education on the site; the council's appeal procedures for the suspension of pupils; and the withdrawal of a promised £50,000 a year.

Mr Sams said: "I was very much in favour of the CTC and thought we had an agreement. In the consultative document, Mercers gave various undertakings which they have now deleted. In consultations, you cannot say you will do something and then decide you will not."

Mr Michael Wakeford, clerk to the Mercers Company, said: "It is not us who decided not to go ahead. There were a number of unresolved matters and the council decided it could not recommend the proposal to the education committee meeting on Thursday." He said the company would have been prepared to pay the £50,000. However, it could not commit itself contractually.

Mrs Adele Gordon-Peiniger, chairman of the school governors, said: "It is wonderful. We never expected this. I think Mercers had been told the people of Thamesmead wanted the CTC. In fact, they knew nothing about it. When they did, they made clear that they did not."

**Disciplinary proceedings are to be taken against the principal of a private college for students with severe learning difficulties after a two-week independent inquiry into allegations of ill-treatment.**

**The inquiry into Beaumont College, Diss, Norfolk, found seven allegations proved. Mrs Pauline Beech, the principal, has been suspended since September after allegations on the BBC Radio 4 programme *Face the Facts*.**

**The inquiry found that students had been struck; discipline had been inappropriate, at times excessive; and staff had not been adequately trained. The number of staff will be increased and a full training programme introduced.**

**Mr Nick Sanderson, managing director of Beaumont Education, the owner, said: "The findings of the inquiry are worse than we had expected and I am grateful to the staff involved for their co-operation and frankness."**

# Sikhs 'shot guru at religious meeting'

By Mark Souster

A moderate Sikh leader opposed to the demand for an independent state of Khalistan was shot dead by two gunmen during a religious meeting at a school, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The orthodox Sikhs killed Mr Mahraj Darshan Das, aged 34, founder of the Shahkand Nanak Dham group, and two followers who tried to protect him, it was alleged.

Another supporter was wounded.

Rajinder Singh Batth, aged 37, unemployed, of Burns Avenue, Southall, west London, and Mangit Singh Sunder, aged 25, a factory worker, of Rectory Gardens, Vicarage Street, Oldbury, Birmingham, deny three charges of murder and one of attempted murder.

Miss Jean Southworth, QC, for the prosecution, said the two defendants had resented Mr Das's views and objected that some followers called him "Guru".

She said Mr Das was shot in the head at point-blank range and two of his followers, Mr Jaga Singh, aged 44, and Mr Satwant Singh Panesar, aged 41, died trying to save him. Mr Dharan Singh Bimbrah, aged 53, was wounded.

Miss Southworth said Mr Das, who had disapproved of the ideals of extreme fundamentalist Sikhs, was killed when the gunmen opened fire indiscriminately.

She said the three men had died in 38 seconds of terror, recorded on cassette tape normally used to record prayers and hymns.

The court was told the two gunmen had mingled with the congregation at the meeting at Dormers Wells High School, Southall, on November 11, 1987. After addressing the meeting, Mr Das moved to the stage front to talk to members of the congregation.

Two men stood up, walked towards him and took out guns and began shooting.

Miss Southworth said Mr Sunder had shouted in Punjabi at Mr Das: "What's all this, you dog?"

He fired a sawn-off shotgun at Mr Das from only five or six feet, but missed.

Mr Batth, the court was told, leapt onto the stage and shot Mr Das in the head with a .38 revolver.

Miss Southworth continued: "With enormous courage a number of the congregation, realizing guns were being used, jumped up and ran to tackle the two gunmen".

Mr Sunder was brought down and punched, but as he fell he took out a .22 pistol and killed Mr Singh, shooting him in the abdomen, it was alleged.

Mr Batth "fired wildly"at the converging crowd, killing Mr Panesar and wounding Mr Bimbrah.

Before the jury was sworn members were asked by Sir James Miskin, QC, Recorder of London, whether they were Sikhs or Hindus, members of the Shahkand Nanak Dham (SND) group, or whether they had strong views on recent events in Iran.

The judge said: "It is desperately important that we should not have a juror who is prejudiced in either direction about the Sikh or Hindu religion."

The trial continues.

# Murder jury must keep clear of court

**A murder trial jury was sworn in at the Central Criminal Court yesterday, then told it would probably not hear any evidence for three weeks.**

**Five men are accused over the killing of Jason Swift, aged 14, whose body was found in a shallow grave in woods near Ongar, Essex, in November, 1985.**

**Mr Justice McCullough said he had yet to hear legal submissions. He asked the jurors to telephone the court next Friday and the following Friday to find out when they would be wanted. Meanwhile, they should stay away.**

**Leslie Bailey, of Kingsmead Estate, Hackney, east London, and Robert Oliver, of Frampton Park Estate, Hackney, plead not guilty to murder. Sidney Cooke, of Sherreys Walk Estate, Homerton, east London, Donald Smith, of Kingsmead Estate, Hackney, and Stephen Barrell, of Arnold Road, Dagenham, Essex, deny manslaughter. All plead not guilty to various sexual charges.**

# Colleges give little help to disabled

By Sam Kiley
Higher Education Reporter

Colleges of further education are ill-equipped for disabled people, according to a report yesterday by the Department of Education and Science.

Many of 100 colleges surveyed between 1983 and 1988 had no lifts, inappropriately designed and inconveniently sited lavatories, inaccessible refectories, libraries, and student union offices, too few stair ramps and heavy doors.

The report commented that such drawbacks discouraged disabled students from taking part in post-school education and served to marginalize those who did attend college.

"At one college, a student in a wheelchair had all his lessons in buildings other than the one building adapted for the disabled. In addition, he had to be lifted up a flight of stairs by fellow students because the lift stopped one floor short", the school inspectors' report says.

Few colleges had systematically attempted to identify the needs of disabled people.

The report says that although in some local education authorities funding for disabled students had been generous, in a few there was "serious under resourcing".

The findings of the inspectors' report come 10 years after a committee of inquiry into the education of handicapped children and young people under Lady Warnock.

It asked colleges to look into the provision of special courses for the 30,000 students with learning difficulties and to improve ordinary courses to "prepare young people with special needs for ordinary courses of work".

However, the report says work was often below the student's level of ability while enjoyment was often taken as sufficient justification.

*Students with special needs in further education* (DES Publications, Honeypot Lane, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 1AZ; free)

# BA pre-empts call for smoke hoods

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

British Airways has asked 14 manufacturers to submit designs for smoke hoods that could be used by passengers in the event of a fire on board their jets.

The airline has placed the tenders in advance of a formal recommendation that all aircraft should be fitted with the hoods. The recommendation will be made next month by the team investigating the accident at Manchester airport more than three years ago, where 55 passengers on board a British Airtours 737 died.

Many of the victims were killed by inhaling smoke from burning seats and other materials. Since the accident there has been a vigorous campaign to make smoke hoods mandatory.

The official report will back that view, maintaining that many lives could have been saved if smoke hoods had been fitted. But the Civil Aviation Authority, which is responsible for implementing safety recommendations made by the Accident Investigation Branch of the Department of Transport, is still not convinced that a suitable hood is available.

British Airways has decided it cannot wait for the CAA to introduce the measure by law, and has asked manufacturers urgently to let them have detailed designs for evaluation.

It could be at least a year before a hood suitable is available.

The report into the Manchester accident will be made public on March 13 and will contain 31 specific recommendations. It is one of the biggest and most comprehensive accident reports ever compiled and is certain to lead to a renewed dispute over the introduction of smoke hoods.

Many safety measures recommended in the report have already been introduced.

Mr Alf Morris, Labour MP for Wythenshawe, in whose constituency Manchester airport falls, accused the Government of trying to divert attention from the report by publishing it on March 13, the day before the Budget.

Food safety moves

# Supermarkets to set up advice centre

By Robin Young

Six leading supermarket chains are to fund a food safety advisory centre and telephone advice service to give guidance to the public on such issues as salmonella in eggs and listeria in cheese.

The services are expected to cost up to £1 million in the first year and are to be financed jointly by Sainsbury, Tesco, Gateway, Safeway, Asda and Morrison's. Professor Will Waites, professor of food microbiology at Nottingham University, has been appointed chairman of the advisory centre's academic panel.

This week he will chair a meeting of the technical directors of the six supermarket groups at which they will agree guidelines. The food advisory centre is also likely to sponsor research at university level. The supermarket groups will take turns in providing nutritionists and technical experts to answer inquiries to the Foodline information service which the public can dial without charge. The Foodline number is 0800-282407.

A test inquiry yesterday produced incorrect information. Asked whether there was more than one form of listeria the woman answering the call said "no", adding that listeria was a bacillus whose growth would be inhibited by refrigeration.

Professor Waites confirmed that there are many forms of listeria and that *listeria monocytogenes* will grow at refrigerator temperatures and may become more toxic when chilled.

**Britain is losing its last fully traditional Stilton cheese. The Colston Bassett District Dairy Company, in Nottinghamshire, has decided to pasteurize its Stiltons. The decision came after it was asked by the Department of Health to withdraw its cheeses in January when seven people complained of nausea after eating Colston Bassett Stilton. Health checks found no contamination.**

# Fridge design research to combat poisoning

By Andrew Morgan

**Food poisoning would be reduced by 90 per cent if household refrigerators were redesigned with a legal requirement for thermometers and compartments, a leading research scientist said yesterday.**

**Mr Steve James, head of chemical engineering at the Institute of Food Research, Bristol, is to head a £70,000 project, funded by the Ministry of Agriculture, which will examine refrigerators in 125 households in the West Country. He expects researchers will find poor food hygiene, with food kept at high temperatures. "At present most fridges have only a control knob with a setting from one to five which gives no idea of particular temperatures", he said.**

**"Improved refrigeration is certainly the solution to limiting most food poisoning problems. Listeria will not grow below 1C and salmonella 7C. Most food poisoning will be limited if the temperature can be maintained below those levels".**

**The Institution of Environmental Health Officers has already called for new designs. However, the Association of Domestic and Electrical Appliances said thermometers were unnecessary and a redesign would be a long-term project.**

**The results of the survey should assist food manufacturers to alter processes and refrigerator manufacturers to redesign appliances. Households from all social backgrounds in Weston-super-Mare, Taunton and Bridgwater will be examined.**

**Scandanavian research has led to the manufacture of refrigerators with more compartments, but few such appliances are available in Britain. Phillips sells a multi-compartment refrigerator but it is expensive because of several advances.**

# Sky 'credit cards' to beat TV pirates

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

A revolutionary television "credit card" that will prevent the worldwide theft of satellite television programmes by pirates has been pioneered by Britain's newest broadcasters, it was disclosed yesterday.

The development of a post-age stamp-size microchip will stop television companies that supply pay-as-you-view or subscription services being cheated out of millions of pounds.

In the US and France, television companies supplying pay-as-you-view films or programmes lose up to 30 per cent of their potential income because of pirates who produce and sell illegal decoding equipment to receive encoded or scrambled pictures.

But Sky Television, which will be providing two pay-as-you-view channels later this year, has discovered a foolproof system to beat the pirates. Mr Andrew Neil, executive chairman of the new satellite television venture, told a broadcasting conference in London.

Viewers of subscription television services will get a "smart card" — the size of a credit card — which will slot into a small decoding box on top of television sets. The television card will unlock the receiving equipment and unscramble coded pictures.

Sky chiefs will even be able to cut off viewers' programmes via the microchip if they have not paid their monthly subscription.

To avoid any chance of cheating, the "smart card" will be replaced every three months with differently coded chips.

The microchip has been developed in Israel by News Data, in which Mr Rupert Murdoch's News International has a 60 per cent stake. Production will begin in Britain later this year.

After a successful test of a prototype, Mr Neil said it was possible that News International might make more money out of production of smart cards than from Sky Television, "and we aim to make a lot of money out of Sky".

# MP acts to increase damages awards for injuries and death

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Big increases in the levels of damages awarded for bereavement and for personal injury are proposed in a private member's Bill published yesterday.

The Bill, due to have its second reading next month, would set up a Compensation Advisory Board to recommend levels of compensation to courts for pain, suffering and loss of quality of life.

It would increase the levels of damages paid as a result of bereavement from the present maximum of £3,500 to £10,000 for each claimant with a ceiling of £50,000 a death.

It would place a duty on courts to consider actuarial evidence when assessing the amount of damages an injured person should receive for loss of earnings and cost of medical care.

The Bill, which is being introduced by Mr Lawrence Cunliffe, Labour MP for Leigh, was drafted by the Citizen Action Compensation Campaign. It says the increases are necessary because more people are receiving "totally inadequate, if not derisory, compensation awards for personal injury or for the death of a member of their family."

It cites cases where parents have lost a child and been unable to claim damages because of the restrictive nature of the existing law; of people who have lost close relatives and only been able to claim the present maximum award of £3,500; and of a woman who received £7,5000 after remaining awake and suffering great pain throughout a Caesarean operation.

Mr Cunliffe hoped the Bill would go some way to improving the quality of justice for those claiming compensation.

Mr Des Wilson, chairman of the campaign which has support from more than 200 MPs and more than 40 organizations, said: "This is a positive step in the right direction, and should reduce the injustice and lead to more consistency and more realistic awards."

Last night, Robin Thompson and Partners (Glasgow), a leading firm of solicitors in the field of personal injuries work, joined the growing opposition to government proposals to claw back social security benefits from victims paid damages for industrial injuries.

● The Government is coming under pressure this week to help avert future tragedies by backing a Bill requiring information about dangerous conditions to be made public (Sheila Gunn writes).

Nearly 300 MPs of all parties are hoping the Public Safety Information Bill will have an unopposed second reading on Friday, giving it a chance of reaching the statute book.

It also has the support of families of those killed at King's Cross, Zeebrugge, Manchester airport and Bradford football stadium.

The Bill builds on the recommendation of the Fennell report into the King's Cross tragedy that the public should have access to information about the safety of services.

The Government has not yet declared its stand, but its mover Ms Joyce Quin, Labour's consumer affairs spokesman, is meeting Mr Patrick Nicholls, a junior Employment Minister, later this week to discuss it.

# Festival launched in Scotland

TOM KIDD



Dr Patrick Boylan examining a 70s platform shoe from an exhibition of fashion at the National Museum of Scotland.

Museums Year 1989 was launched in Scotland last night in the refurbished Victorian central gallery of the Royal Museum in Edinburgh.

"There are more than 300 museums in Scotland contributing specifically to Museums Year, and over 100 participating in *The Times* passport scheme", Mr Charles Wilson, Editor of *The Times*, which is sponsoring Museums Year, said.

Launching the year-long programme in Scotland, Mr Wilson said there were to be more than 100 special events.

Events of note included Aberdeen art gallery and museum, which had invited photographers to record the museum's work and create a combined exhibition and archive; and the addition of a new gallery to the Elgin Museum, one of Scotland's oldest museums.

Museums Year celebrates the centenary of the Museums Association, the professional body for curators, and yesterday marked the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Scottish Museums Council, which has worked closely with the association in co-ordinating celebrations this year.

Dr Patrick Boylan, president of the Museums Association, said: "Clearly my prediction that we are going to have the world's biggest national festival of museums and the arts is going to be proved correct".

The launch of Museums Year in Scotland was sponsored by the Trustee Savings Bank Museum near Edinburgh.

# Two-year deal to be imposed on miners

By Tim Jones
Employment Affairs Correspondent

Britain's 85,000 miners are to have an imposed two-year pay deal after an independent tribunal said the British Coal offer is "fair and reasonable" in view of uncertainties facing the industry.

The decision of Mr Christopher Carr, QC, the independent arbiter, refers only to the Union of Democratic Mineworkers (UDM), but the award is likely to be imposed on the majority National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) which has refused to negotiate on pay.

The NUM, which is at loggerheads with British Coal on many issues, is demanding the right to negotiate for its members at pits where they are not in the majority. The dispute was referred to arbitration after UDM members, against the advice of their negotiators, narrowly rejected the offer in pithead ballots.

Under the deal, backdated to last November, there will be across-the-board increases of £8:15 a week on underground rates and £7:35 a week on surface rates. It gives UDM members £100 at holiday time in exchange for flexible holiday arrangements enabling pits to remain in production for more weeks each year.


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Cleveland controversy

# Family nightmare 'to be faced again'

*Parents caught up in the Cleveland child sexual abuse controversy will tonight, at a meeting in a local hotel, confront the doctors who have rekindled the affair. PETER DAVENPORT has talked to one family which sees its nightmare starting again.*

In March 1987, the closely knit family of a Cleveland teacher and his wife was torn apart. Their three children, two sons and a daughter then aged two and 11 years, were taken into care after being diagnosed by Dr Marietta Higgs as having being sexually abused.

Before the youngest child was allowed back to live with his mother, the father, suspected as the abuser, had to agree to leave home.

They were not to live together again until October that year when a judge ruled that the children had not been abused and that they had loving and caring parents. It had been the worst eight months of their lives, the parents said yesterday, a nightmare beyond belief. Now it is back to haunt them again.

They arrived back at their home on Teesside from a week's holiday in the Lake District with friends to find the story back in the headlines. The teacher and his wife cannot be named for legal reasons, to protect the identity of their children.

Yesterday they spoke of the anger they felt at the claims by 11 consultant paediatricians working in the North-east that more than 90 per cent of the 121 children caught up in the crisis had been abused and that some had been returned home where they might still be continuing victims of abuse.

The mother said: "The worst thing about these allegations is that you can never prove the children weren't abused. They are the only ones who really know.

"One of the most important documents we have gathered from this whole affair is a court transcript. When the judge saw the two eldest children in his chamber he ordered that a transcript be kept of what he was about to say so they could read it when they were older.

"In the document the judge says that they had not been abused by their daddy or anyone else. It was the end of the matter. It was all over, he said. Now we have come back to this. It's like the last two years never happened and we are in the middle of the whole thing again. These consultants are pointing the finger of guilt at all of us.

"They don't have any new evidence. It is kangaroo court justice.

"Well, we are going to fight. We had 12 sets of parents, who between them have 21 children, round at the house the other night. They were all caught up in the crisis like us and we were all determined to do something. We asked for this meeting with the doctors and it has been agreed.

"We are going to press them to substantiate their claims and to produce whatever evidence they have. We want to know which of us they are accusing of abusing our children.

"We want to know why they have taken so long to speak up. We and other parents thought we had ridden the storm. Unlike some we have not moved away because we believe the children needed to be near their friends.

"But children are experiencing problems directly related to their experiences during the time they were away from parents. Some are suffering nightmares and others won't leave their mothers' sides.

"We thought we had proven our innocence but now it's all come back again and we have to do it all over."

# Drive on alcohol abuse seeks local involvement

By David Tytler, Education Editor

Police, schools, hospitals, voluntary organizations, local businesses and publicans must work together to tackle alcohol abuse, a government working party said yesterday.

Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the House of Commons and chairman of the ministerial group on alcohol misuse, said: "Co-ordination nationally needs to be matched by local co-operation. Different areas and groups face different problems.

"We are confident that statutory organizations will be joined by local industry and commerce, the licensed trade and voluntary and religious organizations." He hoped that other bodies would encourage local members to play a full part.

The working group's guidelines say that in every area one service should take the lead in setting up a planning committee involving one member of all the interested agencies.

The new body must organize arrangements for health education, preventing crime and disorder linked to alcohol abuse, counselling and rehabilitation, medical treatment, developing alcohol-at-work policies and professional education and training.

The group says: "There are few areas where there is contact between all the organizations with an interest in the problem. Commercial organizations face the problems of sick absence, absence after accidents, inefficiency and violence, but they may not know about a local treatment and health education service.

"Self-help groups provide support for people with drink problems and specialist alcohol agencies provide counselling, education of primary care workers and teachers, public education, prevention initiatives, and work with industry. Other voluntary organizations may be coping with the social consequences of alcohol abuse."

Not all those agencies are aware of work the others are doing, the group says. Where good schemes are in operation, information is not always widely disseminated, and there is a need for local agencies and other organizations to pool information.

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CLAPHAM DISASTER INQUIRY

# Signalling fault 'was the worst possible'

## 'Accident inevitable. The driver could have done nothing more'

By Rodney Cowton and Michael Horsnell

Faulty rewiring led to false readings at a railway signal outside Clapham Junction and that was probably the cause of the disaster last year. That was the theory put yesterday by Mr David Latham, QC, counsel to the inquiry.

Opening the inquiry, Mr Latham, told a hushed audience at Westminster Central Hall, London, of the events in the morning rush hour on December 12, 1988, when three trains crashed.

Two were morning peak-hour trains travelling to London packed with commuters while the third was running empty out of London towards Haslemere.

One of the two London-bound trains was from Basingstoke which it had left on time at 7.18 am.

Mr Latham said: "It had an entirely uneventful journey until shortly before the collision. Its last stop had been Woking. It would perhaps be right to describe it as a crowded commuter train. It would appear as though there were in excess of 700 people on board. But its likely that many more were on board. Its capacity was 840. At the time it left Woking there were people standing."

**The signal was permitting a train on to the track as though it did not already have a train on it**

The train was due into Waterloo at 8.17am but seven minutes before arrival was involved in the crash at Clapham Junction.

The second London-bound train should have left at 6.14am from the South Coast on a route which took it through Southampton, Winchester and Basingstoke. It was due to arrive at 8.19am, two minutes after the Basingstoke train. It was also crowded with at least 519 passengers on board.

Mr Latham said that a number of people were either standing or sitting on luggage. In the second carriage people were crowded into the buffet, standing in an open area beside the counter.

It had been unable to start as scheduled from Poole because vandals had obstructed the line. That had no bearing on the story; it actually left Bournemouth at 6.30am.

The fact that the buffet was closed may have had some effect on the way people were able to survive because the closed hatch perhaps acted as a wall along one side.

The train from Basingstoke consisted of three units of four carriages. The Poole train consisted of one unit with four carriages. Before Mr Latham described what happened, the inquiry was shown maps of the complicated rail network at Clapham Junction on closed television screens.

Mr Latham said: "We shall hear that the driver of the 7.38 from Basingstoke passed a signal, WF138. As he passed that signal it was showing green until very shortly before he actually physically passed it when it changed to red. Technically, that meant he had passed a signal at red. It is not surprising that we shall hear from him that he considered something odd had happened. He therefore stopped his train at the next signal, WF47. It was red when he first saw it but it changed to yellow as he came up to it.

"He would have been entitled to continue, but cautiously. But he felt he had seen something at WF138 and was determined to report that to the signalman at Clapham Junction.

"Having stopped his train he got out of the cab on to the track and after initial difficulty as to what telephone was available to him to use he found he had to climb a ladder to a platform and ring through to Clapham Junction where he spoke to the signalman."

Mr Alex McClymont, the driver, thought that the signalman might have had a change of mind about what he wanted to happen to the signals. Mr Latham said that could not have explained what had been happening to the earlier signal because it was an automatic one.

The signalman said he had made no change and there was nothing wrong with the signals.

Mr Latham continued: "The driver turned to go back to his train. We don't know what WF47 was showing at that time. We know it had been yellow but time had passed; it may be it had gone from yellow. The probability is it had gone to something such as double yellow or green."

With the time shortly after 8.10am the driver retraced his steps. Mr Latham said as he turned to go back there was a terrible crash. "His train was moved forward by about six feet along the track. It was clear there had been an impact from the rear, that is, another train had rammed the rear of his train."

The train behind from Poole had been travelling at a normal speed and the inquiry will be told, Mr Latham said, that a Mr Flood, an off-duty driver travelling in the rear guard's van, thaought it had been driven at about 50mph.

Trains approaching Clapham Junction are subjected to a 40mph speed restriction and Mr Flood thought that deceleration was consistent to comply with that as it approached the junction.

"Suddenly he saw the gauges indicate the driver had applied full emergency braking", Mr Latham said. "Then he felt the collision. The best estimate he can give is that the train was travelling at about 35mph at the time the impact occurred."

Mr Latham said that the driver of the second train would not have seen the rear of the one in front until he was about 300 yards from it, at most. "That meant an accident was inevitable. The best one can see from the evidence is that he applied his brake the moment he appreciated there was any obstruction of the line ahead and there was nothing more he could have done."

The inquiry was shown a model of the track as Mr Latham went on to describe the intrusion of the third train involved in the crash. He said that was "fortunately empty" and was travelling on the down-main line alongside the up-main line on which the original collision occurred.

Mr Latham said the eight-car train, driven by Mr Baker who was accompanied in his cab by a guard, had just passed the stationary train from Basingstoke and was coming up towards its rear when the Poole train came into sight.

"The first instinct of the driver was that something had gone wrong with the Basingstoke train and that the Poole train was coming up to give assistance. But it very soon became clear that something was dreadfully wrong. It was clearly coming up too fast, braking heavily and bound to hit the first train. It did so at virtually the moment the cab of the third train passed the rear of the Basingstoke train going in the opposite direction.

The effect of the accident was to destroy the front carriage of the Poole train, the nearside of the second, and severely damage the front end of the third carriage. The rear carriage of the Basingstoke train was thrown on its side on to the embankment and the second carriage followed it. The front of the empty Haslemere train became detached from the second coach and ran on down the track.

Mr Latham said the first carriage of the Poole train was sandwiched between a carriage of the train going to Haslemere. The left side and superstructure of the buffet car, which was the second carriage on the Poole train, had been taken away. The effect of the accident on the track and trackside caused circuit breakers to cut off the traction along the line and to a traction control centre at Raynes Park.

Mr Reeve, the man in control, appreciated that a circuit breaker had been disconnected. "He correctly and with commendable speed realized that a very serious event had occurred."

He made no attempt to restore the electric current but made every effort to ensure that there was no electric current in the track.

It was fortunate that he did so, because coming along the line behind the Poole train was a train driven by Mr Pike. That was going to Waterloo. At Earlsfield, the stop before Clapham, he realized he was losing traction. As he coasted up to the signal WF138 that signal was showing yellow, meaning he could proceed, though with caution. It meant that according to the signal, he had a clear run to signal WF47.

"As he came round the corner and realized that he had at least one train ahead of him, he applied the brakes, and although only coasting, stopped only about 20 yards short of the Poole train."

It followed that the signal at the time Mr Pike passed it was permitting a train to run on to the sector of the track it governed as though it did not already have a train on it.

"This was the worst fault that could occur in signalling", Mr Latham said.

Plans made by the emergency services for handling any crisis were well co-ordinated. "The emergency services seemed to have coped commendably."

Unhappily, 35 people died. It was difficult to say precisely how many people were injured as some went on to their work or home.

**All those who were killed in the second carriage were those who were seated**

There were 46 serious injuries, meaning people who were detained in hospital, although about 130 were taken to hospital in the first instance.

The first carriage of the Poole train disintegrated and 29 people died in that carriage. Six people died in the buffet car which was the second carriage of the Poole train.

Although 29 people died in the first carriage of the Poole train, 16 suffered only minor shock and cuts and one person was uninjured.

No one died in the Basingstoke train but there were many injured. In the last coach, 47 people were injured; 69 were injured in the second last coach; 21 in the third last coach; and 45 injured in the fourth last carriage.

A significant number of people were standing in the buffet car which was the second carriage of the Poole train. None was killed. All those killed in the second carriage were seated.

Damage done to the left-hand side meant most damage to that carriage was in the area where the buffet car attendant would have been.

Mr Latham said no fault had been found with the signalling itself, or with the track equipment and no fault leading up to the signals at Clapham A signals box. But it was plain that something was terribly wrong with the signals WF138 and the electrical circuits which controlled it.

The evidence left was that the cable led back to Clapham A signal box to an area called the relay room, from which circuit breakers control the circuits. Engineers who examined the relay area discovered that an electrical circuit that should have been discarded in old work was continuing to feed electricity to WF138.

Essentially, that was an automatic signal which went red when the track it controlled was occupied by another train.

On this occasion there was a false feed created by the wire which should not have existed which bridged out the control of the current, so that an electrical current was continuously passing through the signal and the signal believed the track ahead was clear and it would not show red.

Asking how that came about, Mr Latham said that those who went to the relay room immediately after the crash saw a wire going directly from a fuse which had not been disconnected. They discovered a loose wire, which Mr Latham described as "a rogue wire", which was supposed to have been disconnected. The wire had been cut back and was not insulated and was making firm contact with the relay.

Mr Latham said the signal wiring was old and the area between Waterloo and Wimbledon was being resignalled by British Rail signals and telecommunications engineers. The old wiring had been installed before the Second World War and had given rise to a substantial number of problems.

The rewiring, to bring it technically up-to-date was being carried out in stages so that a mixture of old and new was present at any one time.

Mr Latham identified two stages — jobs No 104 and 201 in the Clapham area, which were being implemented by Mr Roger Penny, an area signals and telecommunications engineer, and Mr Patrick Dowd, a technician. Their work had been due for completion on November 27, 1988.

Mr Latham said: "Mr Penny was a very experienced man. He is said to be a meticulous, neat worker."

What was found in Clapham on the day of the accident makes it clear that there are occasions when even experienced men can make mistakes.

Old wire was not removed from the fuse and the job was not made safe.

Neither the process of supervision nor testing discovered deficiencies in the work, which resulted in the old wire remaining capable of giving false readings.

"One of the essential questions to be asked is the extent to which proper procedures of supervision and testing were in place, whether they were being adopted at the time", Mr Latham said. "Those obviously are management responsibilities."

He told Mr Hidden: "You will have to look carefully at those immediately involved with the management of the work being done at the time.

"It may be you will feel, having heard the evidence, that at its lowest level there was uncertainty, perhaps confusion as to people's respective responsibility in terms, in particular, of overseeing, checking and testing that work was done properly and safely."

Mr Latham said the question remained over what had happened to the signalling immediately before the crash on December 12.

He said there was no evidence that from November 27 — when re-wiring was completed on signal WF138 — to the fatal morning that anything had occurred which suggested the signal gave a false reading.

"We have a period of a fortnight when WF138, having been commissioned on November 27, was working apparently perfectly satisfactorily despite what was found on the 12th", Mr Latham said.

"To some extent one has to speculate about what might have occurred because there will be and can be no direct evidence of how that connection (reconnecting the old wiring) came to be re-established."

Mr Latham summarized one sequence of events which he said could explain how the replaced wiring began to unexpectedly function again.

On December 11, the day before the accident, British Rail technicians were working in the relay room at Clapham Junction A signal box.

The work that he and a colleague were doing was on the relay next door to the flawed WF138. They removed the wiring and relay and then rewired on a new relay before putting it back in position.

Mr Latham said: "All one can say at the moment is that certainly the work which was being carried out on it could have resulted in the wires in the vicinity being moved or disturbed in a way which could have resulted in the old wire which had been removed on November 27 from WF138 and perhaps tucked out of the way for the time being, being dislodged from the position where it was in fact safe. Perhaps it crept back eventually, perhaps under the influence of its old shape — remember it had been there for a long time — and making its old connection.

"I stress we can only speculate or surmise but that certainly gives some assistance to us. Whatever was done over that weekend was what dislodged the wire and allowed it to make contact, which had not been allowed previously."

Mr Latham said that Mr Hidden would wish to consider why the accident happened, how it could have been prevented, how an accident could be prevented and how the effects of a future accident, if one occurred, could be minimized.

He said the inquiry would have to consider the work done by the signals and telecommunications staff at the relevant time; what it suggested in relation to practices and standard; to what extent did those accord with proper safe practice. Mr Hidden would have to consider whether there was proper supervision and proper auditing of work, by testing.

Insofar it was found that there were deficiencies in standards he would have to consider whether those resulted from staffing problems, whether a realistic number of people was employed on the work, and the quality and morale of those people.

**Old wire was not removed from the fuse and the job was not made safe.**

The extent to which those employed were working longer than they should have been would also have to be considered.

There was evidence that those who were working at weekends already worked during the week. It would be necessary to look at the demands that placed on them, not only in terms of the amount of work they had to do, but also the time spent at the workplace.

There was also a question of the extent to which pay might cause concern. Any deficiencies in the way work was managed, and to what extent there may have been failure to set and maintain proper standards by management, would have to be looked at.

Mr Latham recalled that in 1985 there was a similar incident, although on that occasion there was no accident and no injuries. It occurred when those carrying out signalling left in place an old wire which should have been removed. Mr Latham said that carried "echoes" of the Clapham accident.

Those then responsible held a meeting and decided there should be a more carefully controlled approach to installation and testing. One recommendation was that a count should be made of wires on any terminal which had been affected by work done.

"If there had been a wire count carried out in this case, it would have been apparent that a wire had been left on the fused end."

Questions would have to be asked as to how effective the document drawn up after the 1985 incident, had been. Not everyone seemed to have been as aware of it as might have been wished.

Mr Latham cleared the company ML Engineering of Plymouth, which supplied the equipment being installed, of any responsibility for the accident.

He said: "On the present information there is no reason to believe that any work or any equipment provided by ML was responsible in any way for what happened, directly or indirectly.

Mr Latham told the inquiry inspector that there were several safety procedures which the inquiry might wish to consider which could prevent future accidents.

The inquiry should examine the extent to which radios in all train cabs could help.

Mr Latham told the inspector: "An aspect of this case which will need consideration is the question of British Rail rules. You will want to look at the rule books to determine the extent to which they are adequate and comprehensible. One of the reasons is that if we are actually looking at the rule book it may not be entirely clear under what section Mr McClymont should have acted when he went through the signals which went from green to red."

Could and should there be a different approach to the reporting of signal problems than those at present used? Mr Latham asked.

Mr Latham said means should be devised in which the guesswork of a driver should not be relied upon in unusual circumstances.

On train design he said the inquiry should look at the structure of coaches to consider how best to minimise the effect of any impact. The stock in the Clapham accident was old, mark I stock which did not meet current standards required by British Rail.

Although new stock was now being used demand on the railways meant that the mark I remains in use. He invited the inspector to consider how changes might be made to it to make it safer and to examine how it could be replaced as soon as possible.

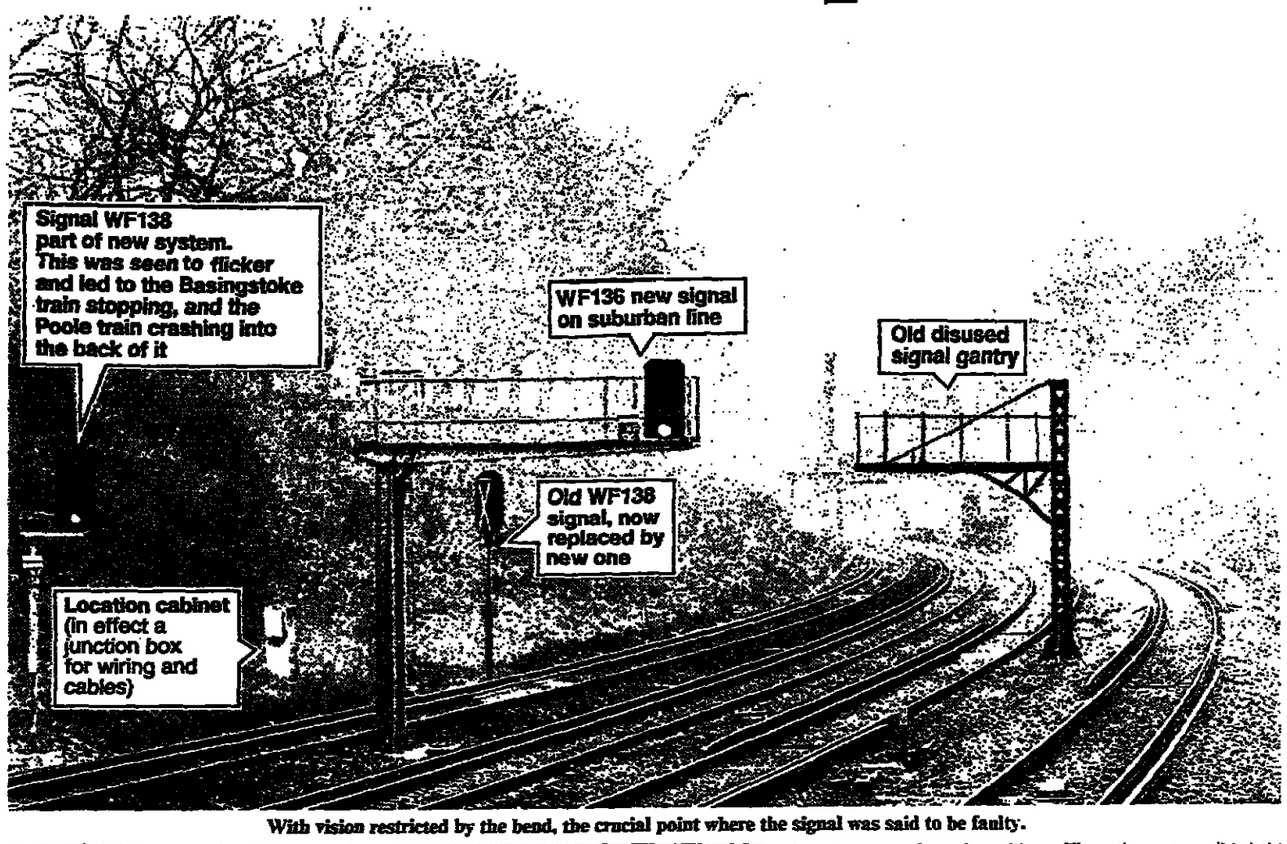
A query remained about British Rail's internal communications systems, he said. It had not been possible to switch off the traction current so that people could get off the crashed trains safely for 10 minutes. The communication system which caused that delay caused concern.

Mr Latham said the inquiry should look at the extent to which British Rail's philosophy of safety is appropriate and the degree to which it was implemented.

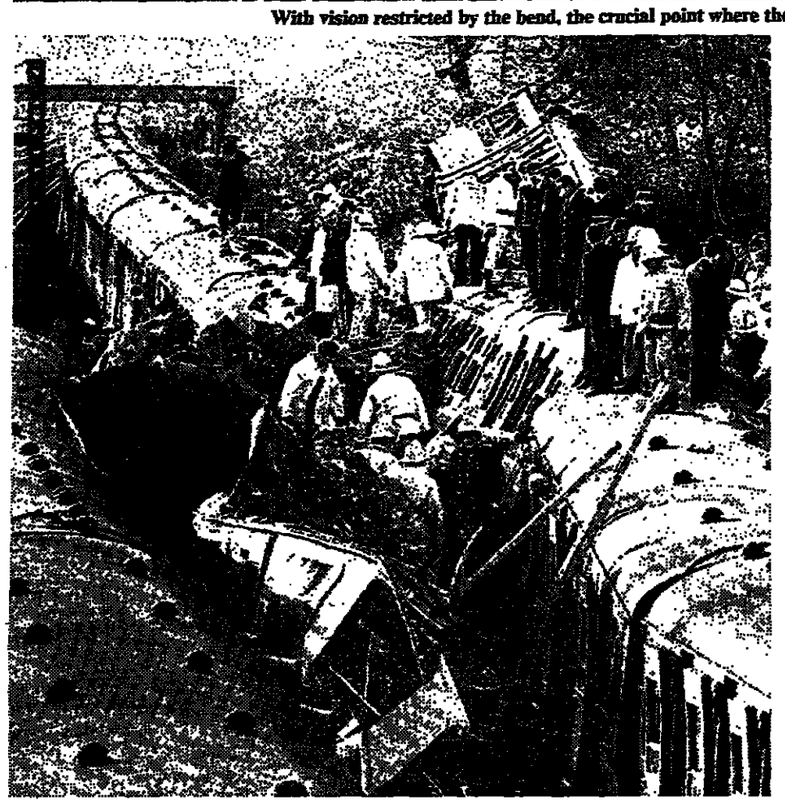
He told the inquiry: "You will want to consider the extent to which the implementation of safety measures are monitored, notably the inspectorate".

The inquiry continues today.

**An aspect which will need consideration is the question of British Rail rules**




With vision restricted by the bend, the crucial point where the signal was said to be faulty.



Rescue services at the scene of the rail disaster on the morning of December 12 last year.



Mr David Latham, QC, yesterday as the inquiry opened.

**The Clapham rail disaster occurred on December 12 last year. Three days later Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, appointed Mr Anthony Hidden, QC, to hold an inquiry into the causes.**

**The investigation is being carried out under Section 7 of the Regulation of Railways Act, 1871. Mr Hidden's terms of reference are to examine the causes of the accident, the circumstances surrounding it and to report on those and any other matters arising. The report will be published.**

**A preliminary hearing to deal with procedural matters was held on January 10, although no evidence was taken on that occasion.**

**Mr Hidden was appointed a QC in 1976 and has been a recorder of the crown court since 1977. He is leader of the South-eastern Circuit.**

**He was educated at Reigate Grammar School and Emmanuel College, Cambridge. He did national service in the Royal Tank Regiment in the Far East before being called to the Bar in 1961. He is married with two sons and one daughter.**

**Mr Hidden is sitting with three assessors. They are:**
**Major Christopher Holden, an inspecting officer in the Railway Inspectorate of the Department of Transport. He joined the Inspectorate in 1977 after 27 years in the Army, and was elected a fellow of the Institution of Railway Signal Engineers in 1986;**
**Dr Bryce McCrirrick, president of the Institution of Electrical Engineers and director of engineering at the BBC until his retirement in 1987;**
**and Dr Alan Wells, recently retired as Director-General of the Welding Institute. He is a former visiting professor at the department of mechanical engineering, Imperial College of Science and Technology.**

**The leading counsel to the investigation, who leads the presentation of evidence, is Mr David Latham, QC, who is instructed by the Treasury Solicitor.**

**No official estimate has been given of the likely length of the inquiry, but unofficial estimates suggest it may last about eight weeks.**

HEALTH SERVICE REVIEW

# Working papers miss key details on reform

The eight working papers published by the Government yesterday failed to fill in most of the key details missing in its White Paper on National Health Service reforms. They did little to relieve concern among the medical profession.

There is still no clear guidance about how to go about setting up a self-governing hospital, who will make the decisions and what services will have to be provided.

There is even less information about what will happen to the hospitals that remain within local health authority control and whether comprehensive local services will be retained.

The financing of travel arrangements if patients are referred to other districts is not even mentioned. Similarly, general practitioners do not know what financial penalties they will face if they overspend their drugs budgets.

They also do not know to what extent they will lose their referral rights and the consequences to patients of cash limits on their budgets.

There is uncertainty too about exactly what services a self-governing hospital will have to provide and how much money will have to be retained as a contingency reserve by GPs, hospitals, districts and regions to meet "unpredictable cases" which are characteristic of health service provision.

All the proposals rely on sophisticated information systems to set up accurate local pricing mechanisms to reflect the cost of individual treatments.

However, there is a clear indication in the papers that the Government may accept interim less accurate costings in order to speed up some of the reforms.

"Sophisticated costing systems are not necessary before contracts can operate", one working paper said.

Another suggested that the Government might have to determine national rates for charges for emergency in-patient admission at self-governing hospitals.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, in publishing the working papers yesterday, said they were intended to form the basis of detailed discussions with the professions, management and the public generally.

He said: "They add further detail to the White Paper proposals, but they are not intended to be a definitive blueprint for the new arrangements".

# All hospitals will be eligible for self-government

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

All two thousand health service hospitals could eventually become self-governing under the Department of Health's proposals for reform.

One of the eight working papers goes considerably further than the White Paper *Working for Patients* and says that all hospitals would be capable of opting out of health authority control.

The most likely early candidates for self-governing status would still be large acute hospitals with more than 250 beds.

However, the working paper says: "The Government regards all hospitals as potentially eligible and there will be no rigid definition of what a hospital should be, for the purpose of self-government".

Self-governing hospitals will be able to set their own rates of pay, employ all staff, including consultants, and raise capital from the private sector. They will finance themselves by selling services to district health authorities, GP budget holders, private patients and insurance companies.

Although they will still be technically part of the health service, the working paper says that in most cases they will not have to follow central guidance from the Department of Health. They would, however, be expected to comply with the health service complaints procedure and arrangements for controlling communicable diseases.

The working paper gives no details on exactly how these hospitals will choose to opt out. The White Paper proposed that any group, including managers, doctors or community groups such as the League of Friends, could initiate the process.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health, made it clear yesterday that there would be no ballot or vote by health service staff or within a local community.

Mr Clark said: "No group of people in a hospital is 'the hospital' and there is no particular group of people who are hospital users".

The working paper says, however, that any successful proposals would have to carry the "substantial commitment" of those likely to be involved in the new management.

Sponsors would have to set out their plans in a prospectus document, including a detailed business plan. The regional health authority will seek the views of hospital staff, GPs and the local community. The secretary of state will take the final decision.

Self-governing hospitals will be encouraged to publicize their services "subject to any requirements of relevant professions' rules on advertising", the working paper says.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission is already considering whether doctors should be able to advertise their services. Mr Clarke said that initially self-governing hospitals could advertise details about their history, their facilities and areas of expertise. In the longer term they may be allowed to advertise that they are better at certain types of operations than other hospitals, he said.

# GPs face drug budget penalty

The working papers fail to spell out what penalties will be levied on doctors who overspend their drugs budgets.

All 32,000 GPs will be given "indicative" cash limits on their drug expenditure by family practitioner committees.

Where GPs in a district collectively underspend, the committee will be able to keep half the savings for improvements in areas of primary health care.

Where GPs consistently overspend the committee can levy appropriate sanctions "the final outcome of which may be withholding of remuneration from the doctors concerned". Initially, regions will allocate drugs budgets family practitioner committees based on existing spending patterns and expected changes in population.

However, the allocations would gradually change to a formula that took account of such factors as the death rate, age and sex of patients. Guidelines on drugs budgets to GPs will say that where current prescribing is more than the average in the area it will be set between present levels and the average.



A pensive Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, at yesterday's press conference on the NHS working papers. MARC ASPLAND

## GP budget holders' patients

# Authorities pay for costs over £5,000

Family doctors who choose to become budget-holders will be able to charge any individual patient costs of over £5,000 in a year to the local district health authority.

The working paper on such doctors says that there will be "rare cases" in which the cost of hospital treatment would be exceptionally high because of a succession of one-off treatments or continuing care. "Such cases should not be allowed to distort hospital referral practices and budgetary concerns cannot be allowed to affect good patient care."

Cases involving patient costs above £5,000, such as continuing drugs treatment for heart transplant or renal dialysis patients, are thought to account for between 2 and 5 per cent of all GPs' cases. Districts will be expected to keep back a contingency reserve to fund such cases.

All practices with more than 11,000 patients will be able to choose to become budget-holders. But the working paper says that smaller practices could choose to group together to become eligible. This minimum list size would be reduced if there was evidence that smaller budgets would allow the necessary flexibility.

The working paper emphasizes that patients will not be able to pay extra for quicker NHS treatment. The full cost of NHS treatments must be met out of the GP practice budget. Discussions would take place with the professions to ensure that "topping up" was a breach in a GP's terms of service.

The GP budget will cover groups of surgical in-patient and day case treatment covering elective procedures; out-patient services; diagnostic investigation of patients and specimens and practice services and prescribing.

An annexe to the working paper suggests the hospital treatments could include cataract removals, tonsillectomies, hernia and haemorrhoid operations, hysterectomies, hip replacements, heart valve replacements and coronary artery bypass grafts. A definitive list would be drawn up. Once a patient is referred, decisions over treatment would be for the hospital consultant.

The cost of treatment would be fixed in advance and would reflect the hospital's assessment of the likelihood of complications. "The hospital bears the cost (or reaps the benefit) if the outcome differs from the assessment."

Similarly, if the cost of diagnostic tests were higher than charges negotiated, the cost would fall on the hospital, not the practice budget. However, there are penalties for GPs who cannot justify overspending their budget.

Practices will be permitted to overspend in any one year by up to 5 per cent of budget, on the basis that there would be a corresponding reduction in the following year. Doctors can ask for a budgetary review if circumstances change in the practice, and all budgets will be reviewed every three years.

An overspend over 5 per cent in two years may result in the practice losing its right to hold a budget.

# Care audit will probe record of each doctor

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

A system of medical audit, in which the individual performances of every doctor will be scrutinized, is essential to improve the quality of care given to health service patients, one of the Government's working papers says.

Its framework will be introduced in every individual health authority by April 1991, and will cover all general practices by 1992.

The White Paper defined medical audit as "the systematic, critical analysis of the quality of medical care, including the procedures used for diagnosis and treatment, the use of resources, and the resulting outcome and quality of life for the patient".

The working paper says an effective audit programme will help to provide the necessary reassurance to doctors, patients and health managers that the best quality of service is being achieved within the resources available.

The intention is that it becomes a part of routine practice and is incorporated in the training of junior medical staff.

Medical audit advisory committees will be set up in every health district, with a senior clinician as chairman, with representatives of the leading medical specialties, including general practice, and of management.

The practical arrangements for introducing the system will be discussed with the profession and management, the working paper says.

It concludes: "The Government does not underestimate the degree of challenge to be faced in putting these proposals into effect".

Consultants will have a greater say in the way hospitals are run and will work more closely with managers, though they will be more accountable to managers as well.

They will have new job descriptions, to be agreed with the district general managers, which will be reviewable every year.

The system under which consultants are appointed will be changed to include management representatives on appointments committees, which are at present predominantly made up of medical professionals.

Distinction awards — the system by which experienced consultants are given extra on top of their salary, sometimes amounting to as much as twice the basic rate — will be granted in future only to consultants who demonstrate a commitment to the development of the health service as well as clinical skills.

In future, the awards committees for consultants will also have a management representative.

Awards will be reviewable every five years to confirm that the consultant still merits an award.

New or increased awards will be made pensionable only if the practitioner works for another three years in the health service.

New procedures for dealing with cases of professional misconduct and incompetence are to be introduced by the end of this year at the latest, one of the working papers says.

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# PARLIAMENT

## Football Spectators Bill: Committee stage

# Government setback on identity cards

The Government suffered a setback in the Lords on its plan for an association football membership identity-card scheme, when peers carried by a majority of three an amendment to bring in the scheme piecemeal.

The amendment, the first at committee stage of the Football Spectators Bill, was to allow the proposed Football Membership Authority to phase in spectators' compulsory identity cards division by division instead of forcing all 92 English league clubs to introduce it by the 1990 season. It was carried by 124 votes to 121, after being opposed by the Government.

Moving the amendment, *Lord Harmar-Nicholls* (C) said that it would give the chance for a final dress rehearsal or test flight for the national membership scheme by allowing the proposed Football Membership Authority to try out the scheme in certain clubs.

The amendment did not interfere with the Bill in any way and left it almost intact. All it was intended to do was to suggest that when the authority worked out a scheme, it could take into account how it could be applied by introducing it segment by segment rather than over the whole of the country at once.

The Bill's critics said that, although the theory might look all right, in practice it would not work. The amendment was an insurance against the practicalities of the national membership scheme proving insuperable.

*Lord Mellish* (Ind), president of Millwall FC, whose name was also on the amendment, said it was not a party political issue. The amendment agreed to the setting up of the authority to implement the national membership scheme.

He was not denying there was football hooliganism. No club was trying harder than his own to eradicate it — and it had, with the help of dozens of police officers and people keeping watch. But it was no longer true that every game was full of hooliganism. Recently 32,000 watched the Barnsley v Everton match without a single incident.

The Crewes and Hartlepools, which were the backbone of game, would find the Government's scheme impossible. He hoped that the Government would agree that the authority could introduce the scheme on trial.

*Lord Graham of Edmonton, Labour's sports spokesman in* the Lords, said there was no dispute that the problem of soccer hooliganism needed to be tackled. Mr Colin Moynihan, Minister for Sport, had said that he could not bring in the scheme until he was satisfied it worked.

Plymouth Argyll had introduced members-only admission in 1986 but had been forced to abandon it because it did not work.

Labour was concerned about getting the scheme right, not getting it quick. It was for the Government to show that its idea was not set in stone.

If it was not prepared to move on a very modest amendment, it would be a clear indication that the House would be in some difficulties.

*Lady Carnegy of Lour* (C) said that people were extremely worried about what was happening



Lord Mellish: Let scheme come in on trial

at football matches and it was the duty of the Government to ask clubs to do something about it. The amendment would wreck the Bill.

*Lady Burton of Coventry* (SDP) said that trouble was not confined to any particular division of the Football League. It would not be feasible to suggest a scheme to be applied sectionally.

*Lord Miskcon*, chief Opposition spokesman on home and legal affairs, said that no one was proposing a wrecking measure; the principle of the Bill was not in question. What was wanted was flexibility.

All that was being asked was that the amendment should receive consideration. That had never been objected to before.

*Lord Hesketh*, for the Government, said that the Government had already said that the key to settling the timetable for introduction of the scheme was for the public to be satisfied about the availability of the right equipment.

"The Government will not implement the scheme until it is satisfied that it will work effectively."

The football authorities wished to test equipment available from alternative suppliers before a decision was made on the supplier.

The idea of a membership scheme was not new to the Football League; 90 of the 92 clubs already operated such schemes, many supported by an advanced range of technology. They also knew how membership cards worked in match conditions. As soon as the equipment had been chosen, individual clubs would be able to test it at their grounds.

There was no reason to believe that the scheme would have any adverse financial impact on even the smallest clubs. Several companies had offered to run a scheme at no cost to clubs or supporters. A leading company had said that a scheme could be established for as little as £3 a year a member, less than the admission to one match at many clubs.

The identity card scheme would attract back the millions who had stopped watching the game with the growth of hooliganism in the 1960s.

● *Lord Hesketh* promised to consult, without commitment, on an amendment to exclude the three Welsh clubs from the Bill. *Lord Brooks of Tremorfa* said that there was no case for including Wales. Scotland was excluded. The Welsh clubs were small, had no difficulties at their grounds, already had financial problems, and inclusion would put them in dire financial straits.

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# Bus workers fear for their pension rights, MPs told

## SCOTLAND

The fears of workers in the Scottish Transport Group's bus operations for their pensions after privatization were outlined to MPs by Mr Brian Wilson, an Opposition spokesman on Scotland.

On the report stage of the Transport (Scotland) Bill, which would also privatize minor subsidiaries of the bus group, he moved an Opposition amendment to safeguard pensions. It provided that the STG staff pension fund and the STG Transport Operations Pension Scheme would continue and that any new company would, as a condition of sale, have to participate in them.

Mr Wilson said that the rights of these employees should not be sold off "like so many cans of beans".

A person working for 40 years for STG or a subsidiary could expect to receive a maximum pension of two thirds of pensionable salary, and there was an inbuilt provision for index linking. A lump sum on retirement was payable.

The pension provisions were a "model", which was what one would expect in the public sector. Workers had only to look south of the border at some of the experiences of their former workmates in the public sector to see what alternative proposals might be after privatization.

It was tragic that any government should, with such equanimity, be prepared to take away working people's rights and their right to peace of mind.

There was nothing in the Bill to safeguard their interests after the group had been broken up and sold off, perhaps to the highest bidders.

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Under Secretary of State, Scottish Office, said that it would be for the privatized companies to establish pension arrangements for their employees. The terms might be different from the present ones.

Potential purchasers would be asked for their proposals on pensions during the bids process and that would be taken into account when a decision was made. If a company failed to establish satisfactory arrangements, after privatization, the Secretary of State had reserve powers to intervene.

# Speaker 'should protest'

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) suggested that the Speaker, with the backing of MPs who lived in Westminster, should launch a round-robin to force an extraordinary audit of the accounts of Westminster City Council in view of the spending by Westminster council of £1 million on Mr Rodney Brooke, the chief executive, "to keep his mouth shut".

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) suggested that Mr Skinner start the round robin himself.

# Tyneside will start 'tagging'

Trials on the electronic monitoring or "tagging" of people as a condition of bail are to start in Nottingham, North Tyneside, and a third area still to be decided, with the co-operation of the courts concerned, Mr John Patten, Minister of State, Home Office, said in a written reply.

# Suicide in prisons

Verdicts of suicide have been returned on 26 inmates who died in prison establishments in England and Wales last year, and inquests have yet to be held on five others thought to have committed suicide, Mr Douglas Hogg, Under Secretary, Home Office, said in a written reply.

Although figures were not available for the calendar year 1988, there had been 343 reported apparent suicide attempts between April 1 1987 and March 31 1988.

# Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Health; Prime Minister. Debate on Opposition motion on "The Government's failure to give proper care to the safety of food and water".

Lords (2.30): Companies Bill, committee, fourth day.

# Call for Rushdie case statement

The sentence of death passed on Mr Salman Rushdie, the author, led Mr Michael Alison, representing the Church Commissioners, to say in the Commons that there could hardly be a more fundamental demonstration of the difference between the Christian religion and that of Islam than the attitude of the Christian Deity to appalling and unthinkable attacks on him, which was the fundamental point of forgiveness in the Christian religion.

He was replying to Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) who had asked him "to congratulate the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr Robert Runcie) for his excellent statement expressing concern for any offence caused to the followers of Islam, but nevertheless strongly protesting against the further sentence of death imposed by the religious leaders in Iran".

He said that the British people, including Muslims, disapproved of what had been said in Iran.

Mr Winnick asked later on a point of order for a Commons statement on the death threat against Mr Rushdie.

The Speaker said that the matter might arise during Prime Minister's questions tomorrow.

# Welsh hospitals 'will have to provide all services'

Welsh hospitals seeking to take on greater responsibility for their own management under the new National Health Service proposals would have to provide the complete range of services needed in their area, Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, made clear at question time.

No hospitals in Wales would be permitted to go to trust status until they had agreed to continue to provide the whole range of services, he said.

Answering a question from Mr Richard Livsey, Democrat spokesman on Wales, about the effect of the health service review on Wales, Mr Walker said that, by increasing the responsibility and accountability of those working in the service, increasing patient choice and ensuring appropriate rewards for those who delivered results, the proposals would lead to even better patient care.

Mr Livsey said that there was great concern in rural Wales that the opt-out proposals in the review would prove unacceptable.

Mr Walker said that the Welsh Office would monitor the situation to see that the services were carried out.

"So there will be no trust hospitals created without their having agreed to the totality of their obligations."

Mr Alun Michael, an Opposition spokesman on Wales, asked what importance people in Wales should place on the 10-year plans now being prepared for the health authorities? Was the Secretary of State going to exempt Wales from the opt-out scheme, which might make the plans meaningless?

Mr Walker said hospitals would remain totally within the health service, although they could delegate some managerial decisons to a lower level if that would improve efficiency.

# Quality of food in Commons attacked

Complaints about the quality of food served in the Commons cafeterias were made to Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the House.

Miss Joan Walley (Stoke-on-Trent North, Lab) said that a unanimous committee decision to invite the London Food Commission to give advice on the quality of food served in the cafeterias had been rejected.

Many MPs and staff who ate in those cafeterias morning, noon and night thought there was a desperate need to take on the services of people qualified in these matters.

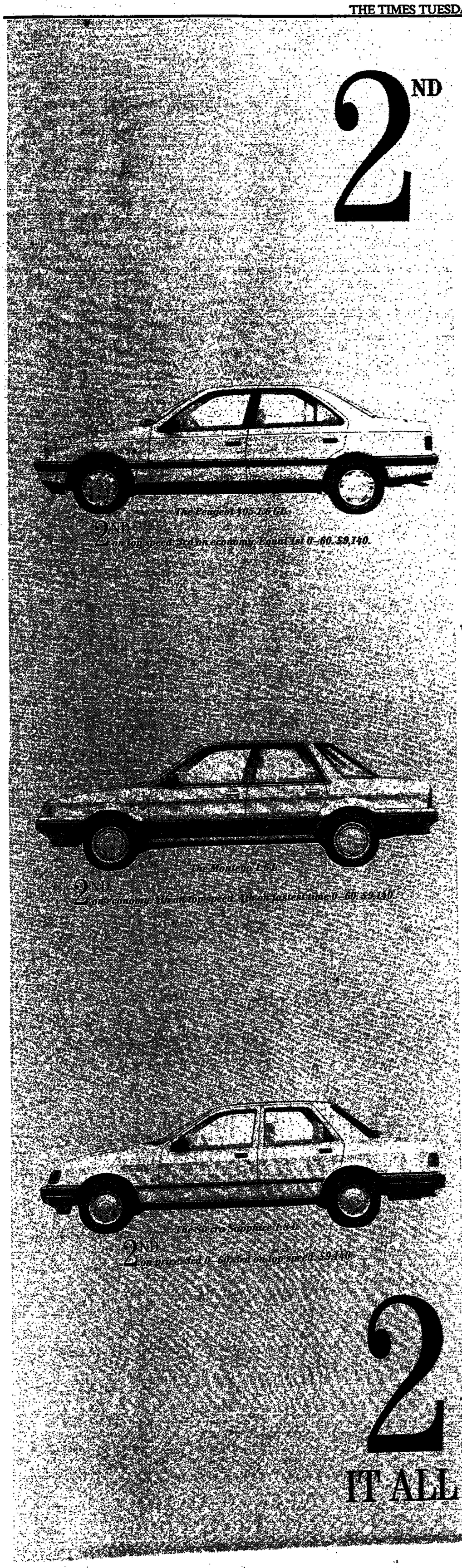
Mr Wakeham replied that the practice of the Refreshment Department was designed to promote nutritious food. The advice of a nutrition expert was sought from time to time.

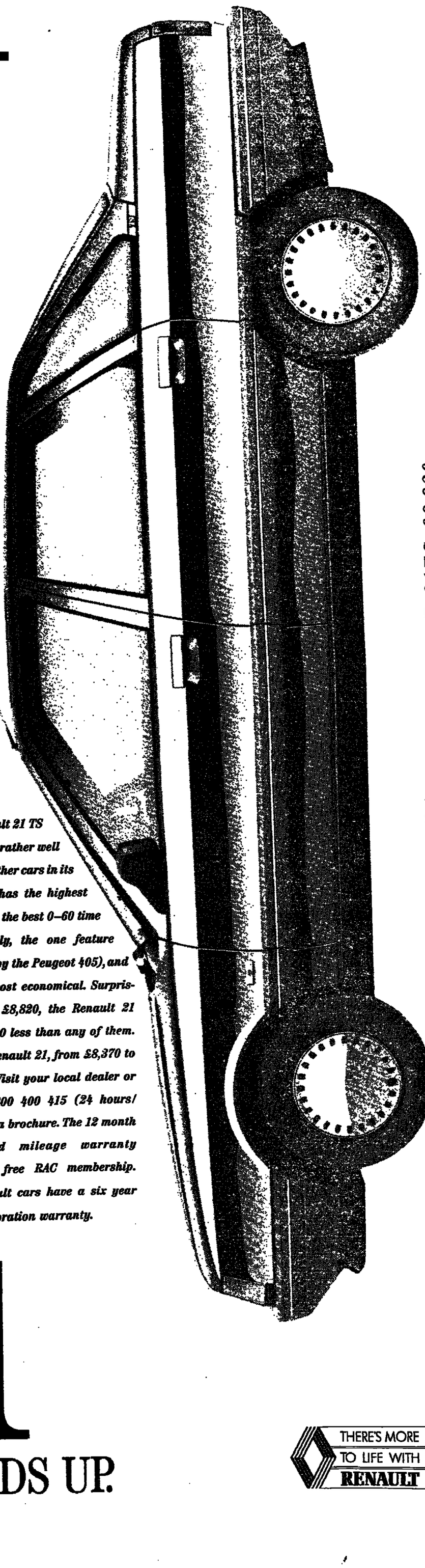
Sir Fergus Montgomery (Altrincham and Sale, C) said the London Food Commission was a left-wing organization.

Mr Wakeham said that the commission was a consumerist pressure group staffed by academics and investigative journalists with no expertise on advising on dietary matters.

Mr Frank Dobson, Opposition spokesman on House of Commons Affairs, said that many people thought the food flaming lousy.

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European ministers spell out their stance on weapons

# Thatcher tries to convince Kohl on firm stand by Nato

From Ian Murray, Frankfurt

Mrs Thatcher last night tried to enthuse Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, with the confidence of her conviction that Europe will be a safer place if Nato's ageing armoury of short-range nuclear missiles is updated.

At the first full summit between the two since 1986, both sides were anxious to play down any differences, particularly as they have always found it difficult to communicate easily with each other.

Nevertheless, the vexed missile question is setting the tone of the two-day meeting.

To set the new Anglo-German relationship off on the right footing, Britain is seeking the means to enable the Chancellor to face both ways at once on the missile updating issue.

Mrs Thatcher is as determined as only she can be that Nato will stick with its year-old decision to update its 88 Lance missiles by 1995. Chancellor Kohl, who is uncomfortably aware that the issue could lose him next year's general election, does not want to be definite about it — yet.

Opinion polls show that two-thirds of voters here do not want short-range nuclear missiles, most of which are based in West Germany. But, while Mrs Thatcher is sympathetic, she remains determined that the alliance must stick to the timetable for updating.

She knows this is not possible unless Congress can be persuaded to vote the necessary money for research and development of the Lance replacement.

She believes Congress is unlikely to do this if it cannot be sure West Germany will allow it to be deployed. Therefore Mrs Thatcher is trying to reassure the Chancellor so that he can at least give approval for research and development of the new missile at the expected Nato summit in May or June.

This would give Congress the encouragement it needs to put up the money and allow Chancellor Kohl to defer agreeing production of the missile until after next year's election.

As part of this package Mrs Thatcher is trying to convince the Chancellor that a firm Nato stand will not harm improving relations with the Soviet Union.

The Prime Minister argued that President Gorbachov was planning a third visit to Britain in April despite her strong line.

She was sure the state visit to Germany planned by Mr Gorbachov for June would go ahead whatever decision was taken on the missiles. If the Chancellor stood firm on this, therefore, it would help persuade his electorate that there was nothing to gain from neutrality.

The two leaders met for an hour yesterday evening before going on to a special performance at the opera of music by Benjamin Britten and Mozart, symbolizing the harmony that can exist between the two countries.

● BRUSSELS: Nato has worked out a compromise formula to settle the vexed question of the modernization of its short-range nuclear forces (Frederick Bonnart writes).

A new formula, which appears to be accepted, was proposed at last week's meeting in Brussels of senior defence officials from the ministeries of defence of the member countries. According to senior Nato officials, this will contain a general commitment to keep up to date all force elements, including the nuclear ones, and will request the US Administration to continue the necessary development work on all projects.

At the same time reference to negotiations may now be accepted, although this will have to state clearly that they will be aimed at equal though lower ceilings and exclude the possibility of a third "zero solution".

This means in effect that an agreement in principle has been reached for the replacement of the ageing Lance missile systems.

Originally deployed in Europe in 1973, 88 launches for about 600 missiles with a 70-mile range are held by the American and most European armies, including the British Army of the Rhine. They are due to be phased out by 1995.

The main candidate for this Follow on to Lance (FOTL) replacement is a nuclear version with a 280-mile range of the conventional American Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS) which is under development. Both versions are designed to be fired from Multiple Launcher Rocket Systems (MLRS) with which these armies are also equipped.

General John Galvin, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, has requested a FOTL in his recently submitted nuclear requirements study. He added that this could be tied to a considerable reduction in the nuclear weapons stockpile in Europe, particularly of nuclear artillery shells which could be reduced by 25 per cent.



Mrs Thatcher walking yesterday in Frankfurt with the president of the West German Federal Bank, Herr Karl-Otto Poehl.

# EEC accord on chemical blacklist

From Michael Dynes, Brussels

EEC Foreign Ministers yesterday granted their unanimous approval to new Community regulations designed to impose restrictions on exports of materials that could be used for making chemical weapons, and raised hopes of a possible solution to the dispute with the United States over imports of hormone-treated beef.

The chemical weapons initiative, which comes in the wake of the recent controversy over the construction of an alleged chemical weapons factory at Rabta, in Libya, was largely prompted by West Germany's deep embarrassment over being deeply implicated in the affair.

Eight so-called chemical "precursors", the essential building blocks needed for the manufacture of chemical weapons such as nerve and mustard gas, are now on an EEC-wide blacklist, which can be extended to include new chemical products when necessary.

Companies seeking to export any of the black-listed chemicals outside the EECwill first have to obtain export licences from their respective national authorities, which will have the power to withhold them if there are suspicions that the materials are destined for sensitive countries.

The regulation, which takes effect immediately, merely codifies in Community law the existing situation in national law, but it is being regarded here as "an important first step" that could be extended to include all equipment needed to make chemical weapons, in addition to the chemicals themselves.

With the threat of an all-out transatlantic trade now receding, Community foreign ministers also gave their blessing to the creation of a "high-level" task force, composed of EEC and US officials, in an effort to resolve the simmering dispute over the Community's ban on imports of hormone-treated meat.

Despite the failure of talks between US and EEC officials in Washington over the weekend to resolve the dispute, foreign ministers agreed to postpone again the threat of retaliation against the US for imposing tariffs on $100 million (£56 million) worth of EEC exports to the United States.

Many observers are convinced that it is now almost inconceivable for the EEC to overturn the hormone prohibition, especially in the face of aggressive US pressure, and that some form of compensation will be required to make up for the trade lost to the US as a result of the ban.

The newly established task force has been given 75 days to come up with a solution. It is hoped that the task force will complete its work before the disputes panel of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade rules on the legality of US tariffs on Community exports.

● Bonn: The West German firm Imhausen-Chemie, already suspected of helping to build Libya's chemical weapons factory, has produced 374lb of an illegal amphetamine drug worth up to £15 million on the black market, a public prosecutor said yesterday (John England writes).

Herr Werner Botz, of the Offenburg Public Prosecutor's office, said the firm made the drug in Lahr last September. A senior Imhausen executive, one of the firm's chemists, and an American were arrested last Thursday in connection with the drug production, although the chemist was later released.

# Iranians acclaim Rushdie sentence

By Andrew McEwen in London and Dessa Trevisan in Belgrade

Ayatollah Khomeini yesterday made a rare public appearance before chanting followers after rejecting Mr Salman Rushdie's statement of regret.

His pronouncement had the effect of repudiating an offer by President Khamenei to reprieve Mr Rushdie if he apologized. But the President had left for Yugoslavia, where he was given red carpet treatment yesterday as he began a state visit.

Tehran Radio said that hundreds of Iranians attending a public audience chanted approval when an aide said that Mr Rushdie would go to hell for blasphemy.

Ayatollah Khomeini was said to have responded to applause, but did not make a speech. Mr Mehdi Karrubi, deputy speaker of the Iranian parliament, told the crowd: "World infidelity rears authors like Salman Rushdie to write slanders against Islam and spreads their treacherous writings around the world."

A shadow was cast across President Khamenei's visit yesterday with the announcement that Yugoslav publishers are intent on publishing Mr Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses*.

As Yugloslavia's four million Muslims awaited the verdict of their clergymen, Mr Khamenei was welcomed at the airport by President Dindarevic, himself a Muslim, who will accompany him to Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and the centre of Yugoslavia's Islamic community.

Ignoring the impact which the publication of *The Satanic Verses* would have among Yugoslavia's Muslims as well as the threat of death, several Yugoslav publishing houses are seeking the rights.

*Borba*, the Belgrade daily, began to publish extracts from the book yesterday, announcing its intent to serialize it.

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# Egypt at centre stage in whirl of Mid-East talks

From Richard Owen, Cairo

President Mubarak of Egypt yesterday moved to the centre stage in the whirl of diplomatic activity set off by Moscow's Middle East initiative, aimed at gathering support for a United Nations-sponsored international peace conference.

In a day of intense diplomacy the Egyptian leader held talks here with both Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, and Mr Moshe Arens, the Israeli Foreign Minister, before flying to Tokyo, where he will meet President Bush at the funeral of the Emperor Hirohito.

Senior Egyptian officials said Mr Mubarak was an acceptable figure not only to Israel, but also to both superpowers and increasingly, to the Arab League states. Egypt could play the role of "honest broker".

Mr Shevardnadze, who met President Mubarak in the ornate presidential palace at Heliopolis, delivered a message on the Middle East issue from President Gorbachov.

He said afterwards that the talks had been "important and profound" and had shown there were no differences on the peace issue between Moscow and Cairo. Egypt wielded great influence in the region, Mr Shevardnadze said.

He later met Mr Arens in the Soviet Embassy. Even with Mr Mubarak away in Tokyo, Mr Shevardnadze and Mr Arens are staying on in Cairo and will have a meeting tomorrow.

Mr Shevardnadze is also expected to meet Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, although according to some reports this encounter could take place in Baghdad on the next leg of Mr Shevardnadze's Middle East tour on Thursday.

Tomorrow's talks between Mr Shevardnadze and his Israeli counterpart are seen by both Moscow and Jerusalem as symbolizing warmer Soviet-Israeli ties. Israel hopes that Moscow will restore diplomatic links, severed by Moscow in 1967, possibly by the end of this year. But elements in Mr Shevardnadze's peace plan, as elaborated in Damascus and Am man earlier in his tour, were unacceptable to Israel.

Moreover, Mr Arens is likely to resist Mr Shevardnadze's demand that Israel abandon its "stubborn" stand, including its refusal to talk to the PLO despite Mr Arafat's renunciation of terrorism.

Mr Arafat said at the weekend that the PLO had conducted "indirect" talks with Israel on peace in southern Lebanon. Senior Israeli Labour politicians have been holding talks with Palestinian leaders from the West Bank known to be loyal to the PLO.

But Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, has con demned this as "naive" and a violation of the Israeli coalition's ban on contacts with the PLO.

"What has really changed is that Russia is free of the Afghanistan quagmire and can turn its attention to the Middle East," one Egyptian source said. The Bush Administration is still feeling its way. But officials insisted that Washington's pose was not out of joint because Moscow was taking the initiative.

"The Americans are so much in control here they can afford to let the Russians have a go," one diplomat said. Mr Shevardnadze is the first Soviet Foreign Minister to come to Cairo since the late President Sadat expelled hundreds of Russians from Egypt in 1972. Mr Shevardnadze said his visit marked a return to "full normalization".

The Soviet plan provides for a central role for the five permanent members of the UN Security Council, which would prepare an international conference over a nine-month period. Mr Shevardnadze said such a conference could be convened by next year.

Israeli officials accompanying Mr Arens said that, by holding his meetings in Cairo, Mr Shevardnadze was offering tacit Soviet acceptance of the "reality" of the Camp David accords.

**Jerusalem (Reuter) — On the second day of a general strike in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, Israeli troops yesterday demolished one house and sealed three others, all belonging to West Bank Palestinians suspected of throwing petrol bombs and planning attacks on soldiers, an army spokesman said. The Army also blew up the home of a Jenin resident, one of four Palestinians arrested on suspicion of throwing petrol bombs, and sealed off part of the home of another arrested man. At least 13 Palestinians were wounded in clashes.**

WORLD ROUNDUP

## Sirhan denies he intended to kill

Washington — Sirhan Sirhan, who has spent the past 20 years in prison for assassinating Robert Kennedy, said in a rare interview broadcast yesterday that he did not mean to kill the Democratic presidential candidate (Michael Binyon writes). He told David Frost, who interviewed him at the Soledad prison in California where he is serving a life sentence, that he went to the Los Angeles hotel where he shot Mr Kennedy because he heard there was a big party there.

He said Mr Kennedy was his hero until he promised to send jet fighters to Israel. "That was a betrayal. It was sad for me to accept ... All my hopes were with Bobby Kennedy." Sirhan, a Palestinian who was "incensed" by Israel's victory in the 1967 war, admitted he said Mr Kennedy must die.

## Threat to tennis star

Buenos Aires — Gabriela Sabatini, Argentina's tennis star, left the country secretly after receiving extortion letters that threatened her life, police sources reported yesterday (Michael Llanos writes). Her parents had at first dismissed the letters, one of which detailed the multi-millionairess's local bank transactions, as a bad joke.

## Singapore frees two

Singapore (Reuter) — Singapore yesterday conditionally released two political detainees, Mr Kenneth Tsang, aged 35, an advertising executive, and Mr Chew Kheng Chuan, aged 30, a Harvard-educated businessman, who had been held without trial since last April. They were among 22 people arrested in May and June 1987 for alleged involvement in a Marxist conspiracy to overthrow the Government.

## Greeks drop charge

Athens — A weapons charge against a suspected Palestinian terrorist, Muhammad Rashid, was unexpectedly dropped by a Greek court here yesterday paving the way for his early extradition to the US (A Correspondent writes). Mr Rashid is wanted in the US connection with the bombing of a PanAm jumbo jet in Honolulu in 1982 in which a passenger was killed.

## Soweto death remand

Johannesburg (Reuter) — Two South African youths charged with killing a black doctor who was a key witness to the alleged murderous behaviour of Mrs Winnie Mandela's gang of bodyguards yesterday had their case transferred from Soweto to Johannesburg. The youths were accused of shooting the anti-apartheid campaigner Abubaker Asvat.

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# Seal hunter's palace protest

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

Mr Erling Skaget, a Norwegian seal hunter, penetrated to the heart of enemy territory yesterday, raising his country's flag and setting up a stall to sell seal meat at 12 kronor a kilo (about 50 p a lb) in the shadow of the Royal Palace by Stockholm's Baltic harbour.

In the circumstances, it could have been a decidedly risky enterprise, coming as it did after an emotional row between Sweden and Norway that brought personal intervention by King Carl Gustaf of Sweden and forced Norway to ban this year's bay seal cull. However, he did a brisk trade in free samples.

Mr Skaget said he was protesting against the royal intervention in the dispute, and accused the Swedes of "undue sentimentality" over seals. Another Norwegian, Mr Odd Lindberg, showeed solidarity with the King by feeding seals at the zoo.

It was Mr Lindberg who started the seal war between the Nordic neighbours with his film of a seal cull. This brought a deluge of calls to the media demanding that Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland, the Norwegian Prime Minister, stop the slaughter.

Animal-rights activists hauled down the Norwegian flag outside the embassy in Stockholm and left it dripping in red paint. King Carl Gustaf, chairman of the Swedish World Wildlife Fund, was visiting New Zealand when news of the controversy reached him.

Asked what could be done to stop the hunting he replied: "That is something for Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland. If she can't take care of the seal problem, then I wonder how she can take care of the Norwegian people." His words provoked a storm of protest in Norway, buta few days later the cull was halted. Mr Lindberg described Mrs Brundtland's action as "a partial victory".

"But the ban for 1989 is just a way for the Government to damp down the debate and does not go far enough. The hunting of baby seals should be banned completely for all time," he declared.

Counter-espionage coup

# Italy spoils KGB bid to steal Nato secrets

From Roger Boyes, Rome

A spy network run by the KGB has spent the past year trying to steal the secrets of Nato's high-technology battlefield command system, Italian investigators said yesterday.

The network, which spanned Italy, Yugoslavia and Austria, was uncovered after the arrest of two Italian citizens who took part. The Italian secret services, Sismi and Digos, said the breaking of the network was the biggest Italian counter-espionage coup in a decade.

The main KGB targets were the Italian arms and electronics factories Oto Melara, Pirelli and Acritalia, and the maritime store houses on the Ligurian Coast.

Despite reports from employees of bribe attempts, it was difficult to establish a coherent pattern of KGB activity because the factories were involved in different projects.

The Oto Melara workers were approached by a businessman from Pisa to obtain information on optical fibres used in anti-aircraft systems. Italian secret agents were substituted before the crucial handover and the businessman was arrested.

When other suspected spies were apprehended, it emerged that the main object was to discover the workings of the CATRIN battlefield communications system. Work on the system began in Italy in 1986 and deployment is planned to take place by 1992.

The authorities are searching for 10 other suspected members of the network.

CATRIN is made up of three components. First, there is Sorao which uses unmanned aircraft (drones) to spy over enemy territory. For shorter distances smaller drones (called RPVs) are used. They have radar sets that can pick up the movement of people, artillery and mortars.

The second component is Soatec which co-ordinates planes and helicopters and other "friendly" vehicles. It is subdivided into various control centres — one for surveillance equipped with radar, one with computers to process data and retransmit, an alarm centre and an operational centre.

The final element is known as Sotrin. This is the network that connects the other two and which plugs everything into CATRIN systems employed by other armies within Nato.

CATRIN is highly-prized by the Italian defence industry. It offered a chance for Italian electronics manufacturers to catch up with defence specialists in Britain, France and West Germany that are already building similar systems.

The Italian counter-espionage services decided to go public when they stopped an Italian of Yugoslav origin crossing the border into Yugoslavia. In the formal communique, it was announced that he was "in possession of documentary material illustrating electronic control mechanisms of great strategic interest" — in other words the CATRIN system.

He was carrying the information to a Belgrade contact but, according to initial Italian reports, the Yugoslav secret service is not involved.

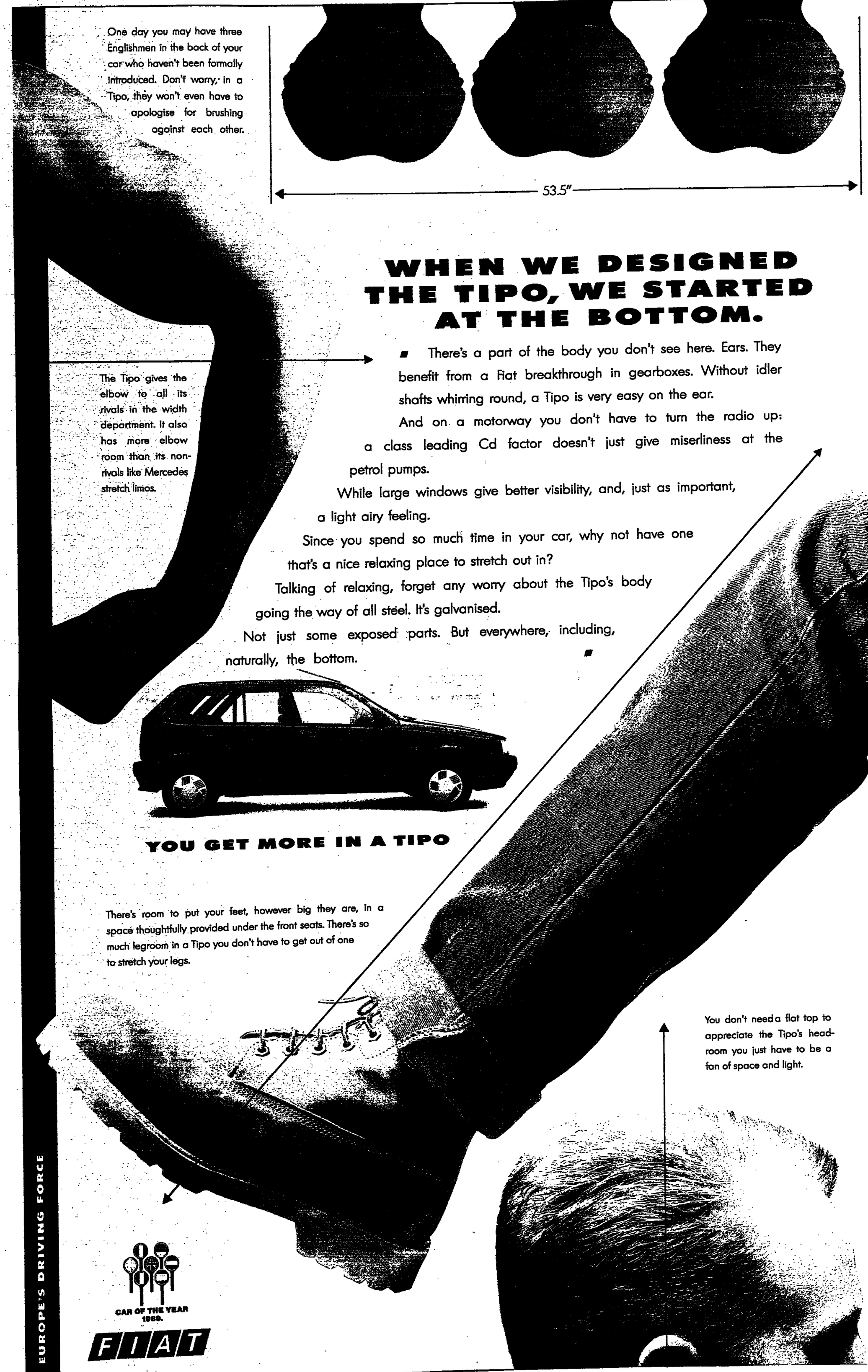
The two arrested men, and the other members of the network, were said to be receiving their instructions from a bureau in Vienna which, US sources say, has been serving as a high-technology buying point operated by KGB agents.





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# Gorbachov focuses on Ukraine's nationalist troubles

By Bohdan Nahaylo

President Gorbachov yesterday flew to the republic of the Ukraine which, with its 50 million inhabitants, looks likely to become the latest trouble spot in the Soviet leader's restless empire.

Indeed, after a dramatic week that has seen open defiance of Ukraine's party leadership, the question that is being asked is whether the republic will be allowed to follow the Baltic path to greater autonomy.

On his arrival in Kiev, Mr Gorbachov said he would narrowly had include a visit to the site of the April 1986 nuclear power station, which is 80 miles north of the Ukrainian capital.

Moscow radio said the Soviet leader had been given a warm reception by Kiev residents on his arrival. It also said he discussed a range of issues with the people, including reform, the coming local elections and the Chernobyl disaster.

Trouble has been brewing in the large and economically important republic because of the determination of the Kiev leadership, headed by Mr Vladimir Shcherbitsky, to keep control, a nationalist assertiveness in check and to maintain the pace of Gorbachov order.

The Shcherbitsky regime has applied and stifled forces pressing for change and national renewal to such an extent that, as one local newspaper recently acknowledged, the republic has come to be seen as a "reservation of stagnation".

On Friday evening, Soviet television showed an unusually candid report on how local party officials have, in effect, been "rigging" elections to the Supreme Soviet.

Attempts last summer by unofficial groups in Lvov and Kiev to form Baltic-type popular fronts in support of restructuring were suppressed. In November, however, the increasingly frustrated and radicalized Ukrainian intelligentsia demonstrated its alienation by having another attempt. Despite warnings by the party, the Ukrainian Writers' Union went ahead and drew up a draft programme for a Ukrainian popular movement in support of restructuring.

The writers, many of them party members, unveiled their programme at the end of January. The authorities responded with a media campaign denouncing this act of defiance.

The proposed programme is as radical as that demanded by the Estonians and Latvians. It seeks to restore genuine sovereignty to Ukraine and to transfer control and ownership of local resources and industries to the republic. Some of the writers evidently want the republic to have the right to veto Moscow legislation, even though the Kremlin has declared Estonian moves in this direction as unconstitutional.

As in the Baltic cases, the Ukrainian draft programme envisages that Ukrainian will be made the official language of the republic, that citizens will be expected to learn the local language, and that the migration of Russians will be curbed. Provision is also made for the cultural rights of national minorities to be respected.

The Ukrainian writers were accused by anxious party officials of seeking to form a political opposition party and of failing to learn lessons from what are generally referred to as the "mistakes" made by the leaders of the Estonian Popular Front. Threats were also issued that party members faced exclusion if they joined the proposed popular movement.

On February 11 and 12, however, the idea of a Ukrainian popular front was enthusiastically endorsed at the inaugural conference in Kiev of the Ukrainian Language Society. Branches of this informal patriotic association have sprung up throughout Ukraine and it has become a significant pressure group.

The meeting, which drew 500 delegates and more than 3,000 observers, turned into a demonstration against Mr Shcherbitsky. There were frequent chants of "Popular Movement!", "Popular Movement!", and on one occasion the entire assembly rose to its feet and shouted "Retire Shcherbitsky!"

The Ukrainian party leader was even attacked by a Ukrainian priest of the Russian Orthodox Church, Father Bohdan Mykhailechko. He caused a sensation by breaking ranks and denouncing the existing ban on the Ukrainian Catholic and Autocephalous Orthodox Churches. He also assailed the leadership of the Russian Orthodox Church for not allowing worship in the Ukrainian language. Father Mykhailechko has been forced to relinquish his pastoral duties and has now announced the formation of an initiative group for the Restoration of the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church.

The conference brought together Ukrainians from various parts of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and from all walks of life. Leading cultural figures and scholars shared the rostrum with workers. Moreover, the meeting provided an unprecedented forum to former political prisoners and proscribed writers. In short, given the impressive display of unity and commitment, the conference could just as well have been a meeting of a Ukrainian popular front.

Inspired by last weekend's events, the Ukrainian literary community has taken a further step on the road to outright confrontation with the Shcherbitsky leadership. On 16 February the Ukrainian literary weekly *Literaturna Ukraina* went ahead and published the controversial draft programme for a Ukrainian popular front.

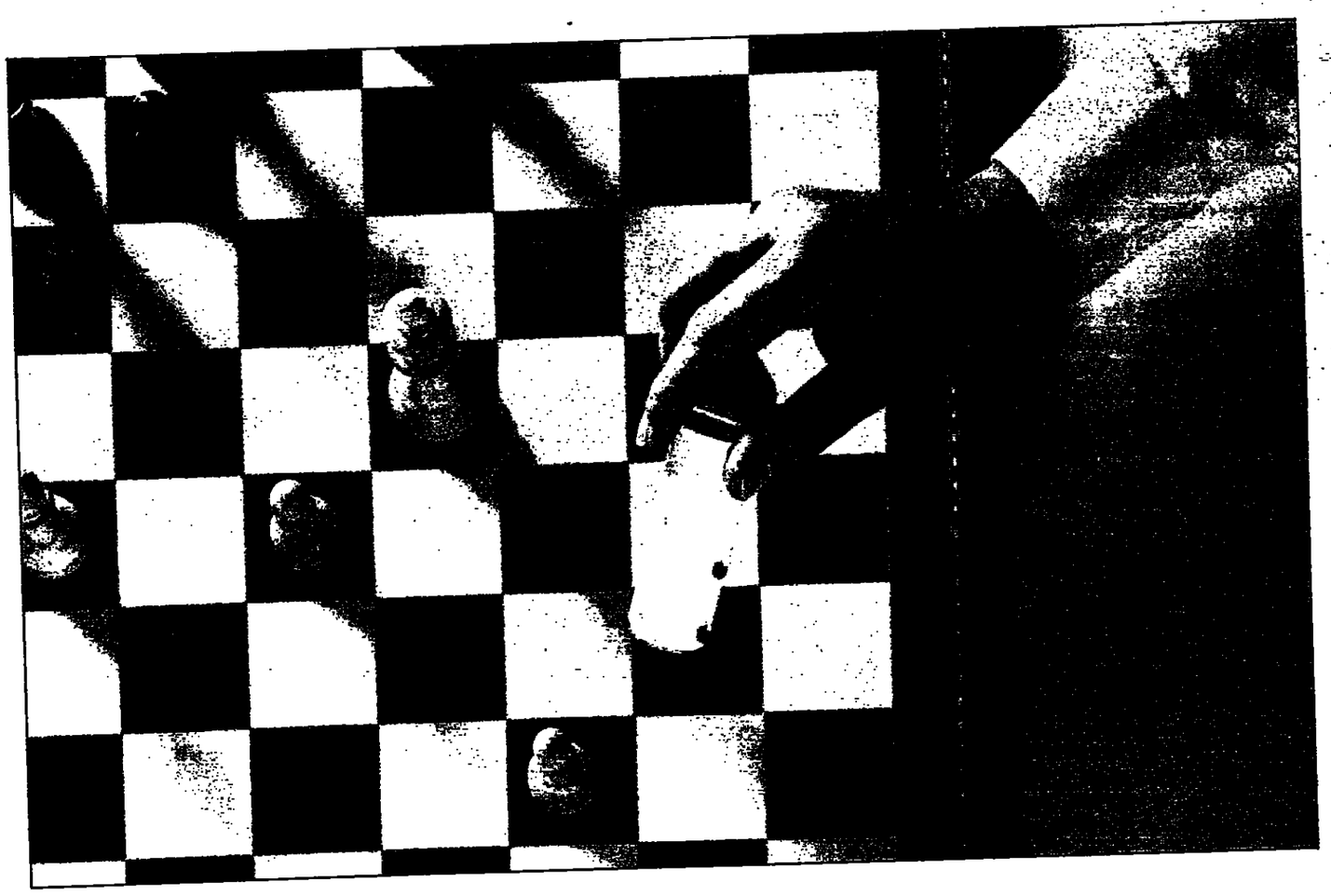
Matters seem to have come to a head. The question now is whether Moscow will keep the unpopular Shcherbitsky leadership in place at the risk of aggravating tensions in the republic still further, or gamble on being able to placate the Ukrainians in time by appointing officials who are more in tune with Mr Gorbachov's new course.

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President Gorbachov talking to people in a crowded Kiev street yesterday, watched by the Ukrainian leader, Mr Vladimir Shcherbitsky, centre.


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# Auditioning for a balancing act

## THE SOVIET ECONOMY

In the second of two articles on Soviet economic controversies, **Mary Dejevsky** looks at the pressure to import consumer goods.

One of the Soviet Union's leading economists has recommended that the country double its imports of Western consumer goods in an attempt to mop up surplus cash held by savers and restore a financial balance in the economy.

The economist, Mr Abel Aganbegyan, who has long been regarded as an important influence on Mr Gorbachov's economic thinking, said that the growth of money incomes was "virtually out of the state's control".

In addition to authorizing more imports, Academician Aganbegyan said, the leadership should also "enlist" foreign capital to bring an extra three million cars, video-recorders and personal computers onto the Soviet market.

His remarks, published in *Pravda*, contribute to a wide-ranging discussion in the Soviet media about whether the country should increase its indebtedness to the West. They follow several months in which the Soviet Union has left untouched new credit made available by the West.

Quite apart from those with ideological objections to accepting money from "capitalist" countries, by no means all Soviet economists share Academician Aganbegyan's view about the benefits of increasing imports and credits from hard-currency areas.

One of his fellow academicians, Mr Oleg Bogomolov, who heads the Institute of the Economy of the World Socialist System — generally regarded as a "reformist" establishment — has argued forcefully against increasing the country's indebtedness.

Speaking to journalists only a few days after the publication of Mr Aganbegyan's article, Mr Bogomolov said that increased exports of consumer goods could help to reduce the domestic budget deficit. But, he said, additional exports should not be financed through new Western credits.

He advocated rather "structural manoeuvres within existing currency reserves" — in other words changing import priorities. Surprisingly, he suggested that the necessary savings could be made by diverting some of the money spent on grain imports. He did not say how the resulting shortfall would be met.

Another Soviet economist, Professor Nikolai Shmelyov, who has made some of the most forthright statements about the need to curb inflation and increase the role of the market in the Soviet economy, agrees with Mr Bogomolov about the desirability of reducing grain imports in favour of consumer goods. However, he would also cut imports of heavy industrial equipment.

Speaking in a radio interview, he said that the Soviet Union had been wrong to cut imports of consumer goods rather than industrial machinery when the fall in world oil prices had necessitated cuts.

Consumer goods, he said, were "the most effective and profitable commodity" in terms of reducing the domestic budget deficit. The high mark-up imposed by the state and the high prices such goods command means that sales of such goods simultaneously increase state revenue and reduce the amount of money in circulation.

Mr Shmelyov argued that imports of consumer goods, possibly including food, would have to be increased, though not at the state's expense. Instead, he said that co-operative organizations and other enterprises authorized to trade directly with the West should use the currency they earned as part-payment for grain from Soviet farmers.

The incentive for farms of part-payment in hard currency, Professor Shmelyov suggested, would increase grain production and so reduce the need for imported grain. Hard currency earmarked for grain could then be diverted to consumer goods.

There is growing evidence, however, that the amount of hard currency spent by the Soviet Union could be used more effectively even without a reappraisal of priorities. A newspaper has drawn attention to the widespread waste of hard currency credits because imports were authorized but not used or perishable goods were left undistributed.

# Bomb suspects cleared

**Catanzaro (Reuter)** — A court cleared Signor Stefano Delle Chiaie and Massimiliano Fachini of multiple murder, leaving one of Italy's worst bombings unsolved after 20 years and nine court hearings. The bombing, in 1969, killed 16 people and injured 88 at a bank in central Milan. Signor Chiaie, alleged leader of the right-wing National Vanguard movement, was detained after deportation from Venezuela in 1987, Fachini is serving a life sentence for the bombing of Bologna railway station in 1980, when 85 people were killed.

## Ice-floe rescue

**Catawba Island (AP)** — The US Coast Guard rescued 175 people stranded on a slab of ice in Lake Erie, Ohio, after it broke free from the shore.

## Body search

**Kuala Lumpur (AFP)** — Rescuers suspect there may be more bodies in the wreckage of a Boeing 747 cargo plane, which crashed near here killing four crew members.

## Court siege

**Amsterdam** — A man surrendered to police after holding at gunpoint five hostages, including his ex-wife and her husband, during a child custody case in a Utrecht court.

## Treasure hunt

**Sydney (AP)** — Divers plan to salvage a treasure-laden Spanish galleon that sank off Guam, 300 years ago.

## Fog deaths

**Milan (Reuter)** — Ten people were killed and dozens injured in motorway crashes in fog-bound northern Italy.

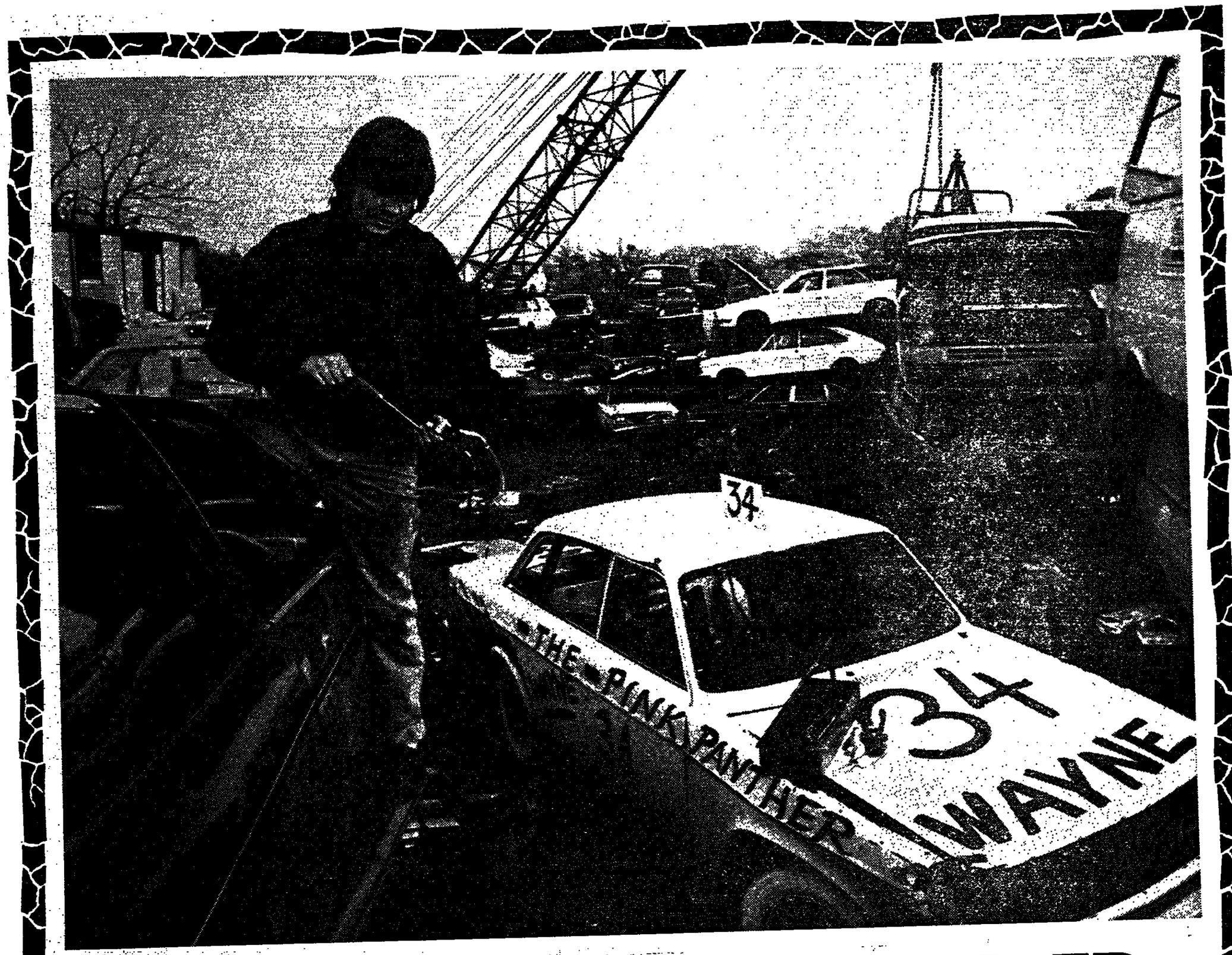
## Space added

**Moscow (AP)** — Two modules are to be added to the Mir space station, where a team of cosmonauts marked the third anniversary of its launch.

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# ANOTHER YOUNG OFFENDER ENDS UP ON THE SCRAP HEAP.

All too often, a teenage car fanatic ends up a teenage car thief.

A passion for four wheels becomes an excuse for stealing them.

A far better outlet for that passion is banger racing. By giving this youngster the chance to repair and race old cars, he's not tempted to steal new ones.

The chances are, it'll stop him from slipping into a life of crime.

The first banger racing project for young offenders was set up in Deptford 10 years ago.

Since then, it's given over 400 youngsters the chance to get back on the straight and narrow, via the racetrack.

There are now forty or more similar schemes all over the country.

Their success owes a lot to the support of local businesses. Both financially and in kind.

In Deptford, for example, a scrap dealer gave discounts on parts, and a lorry hire firm loaned out its trucks at special rates.

Of course banger racing is just one way of steering teenagers away from crime.

Many companies have taken the initiative in other directions. Two high street banks have sponsored a Saturday morning activities club. (Which offers everything from weight training to computer training.)

Sponsored by local advertisers, a bus company is giving youngsters cheap fares to and from events.

Elsewhere, a bank joined forces with the police and the local education authority to set up a street football competition.

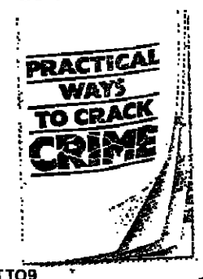
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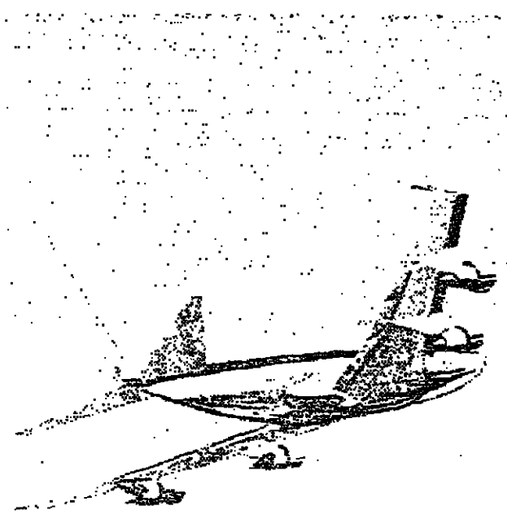
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# Kabul braced for onslaught

From Christopher Walker
Kabul



Two young Kabulis making wooden crutches for people crippled by land mines in the war.

Unprecedented military and security measures were being taken here yesterday in anticipation of a final military showdown in Kabul, which most residents now fear is inevitable, although views differ widely about how soon it can be expected.

During a three-hour tour of the city, I saw sand-bagged trenches and roof-top positions, manned by soldiers with machine guns and portable anti-aircraft guns, being hastily made at the main state institutions, including the foreign and information ministries. Soviet-built tanks had their guns pointing towards potential trouble spots.

All members of the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan aged between 14 and 58 have been partially mobilized and equipped with new automatic weapons from a stock of 30,000 provided by Moscow. Over the past 48 hours, after reporting to recruiting centres, many have been sent to the countryside to ward off Mujahidin attacks.

Three Western photographers who attempted to a film training session at one of the new mobilization centres were arrested and later released after their film was destroyed. Officials said armed militias for Afghan women would be set up later this week.

The creation of the heavily-armed and poorly disciplined militias has added to the feeling of "Lebanonization" rapidly creeping into life in the embattled capital. At lunchtime, four of the newly-uniformed fighters careered down the main street, clinging to an old motorcycle and sidecar, RPG-7 rocket launchers strapped to their backs.

Middle class Kabulis, who were relatively relaxed in the immediate aftermath of last Wednesday's Soviet withdrawal, have been panicked by the declaration of an indefinite state of emergency.

"The main worry with all these militias around is that there could be a complete break-down in law and order," one housewife said.

Concern has been increased by the circulation of thousands of leaflets warning of big anti-government protests today, the anniversary of a mass protest in 1980 against the Soviet invasion. In anticipation of increased conflict, it was confirmed to journalists by a senior Afghan official that the country is now under the control of a 20-strong Supreme Council for the Defence of the Homeland, which has sanctioned widespread arrests of guerrilla suspects.

Headed by President Najibullah, the council includes only one non-member of the pro-Moscow ruling party and excludes Mr Mohammed Hassan Sharq, the Prime Minister, regarded as a moderate.

Government sources said later that Mr Sharq had been removed from the Cabinet, but there was no official announcement of the change. Western analysts said the new government system seemed to resemble martial law.

On Sunday night, the President delivered a 60-minute televised address to the Afghan people designed to whip up feeling against the Mujahidin and boost morale among the security forces.

The two main foreign welfare organizations still operating in Kabul, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the United Nations, have taken drastic precautions designed to protect their personnel in the event of increased violence.

The 40 expatriates working for the Red Cross, many of them nurses with no previous experience of combat areas, have been installed in a bunker-style residence with 10in thick metal, sand and concrete shutters replacing all windows, and a 12-ton covering of metal across the roof.

M Jean Jaques Fresard, the head of the mission, said: "We are keeping 100 beds free in our special hospital for the war-wounded in case of a sudden emergency when we will be needed to tend casualties. Our rule is that anyone, of any political persuasion can be treated if they are wounded." Precautions have also been taken at the United Nations offices.

In addition, a special underground survival bunker has been built for the expatriate staff which includes satellite equipment to maintain communications with New York in the event of an emergency.

Foreign journalists, most of whom no longer have a resident embassy to protect their interests, have been offered limited UN protection. But in the event of a collapse the main concern among the estimated remaining 200 foreigners is the vulnerability of the airport, which provides the main escape route, but which will come under increasing risk of guerrilla attack.

# India looks for pact with Sikhs

From Michael Hamlyn
Delhi

As the most serious problem facing the Indian Government — Sikh terrorism in Punjab — gets steadily worse, there are indications that another peace plan is being assembled.

Since January 1 almost 300 innocent people have died at the hands of the extremists — already more than last year's total.

Yesterday a further eight victims were added to the toll, including one village *sarpanch*, or chairman, who was hanged. His was the fifteenth body to be cut down since Sikh extremists adopted hanging as a tactic after the execution of those responsible for killing Indira Gandhi.

More than two thirds of those killed by the extremists, who are trying to establish an independent Sikh homeland of Khalistan, are themselves Sikhs.

Government tactics for the past two years have been to confront the terrorists, hunt them down and try to break the terror campaign by direct police action. In the past two months up to 600 suspects have been arrested. The authorities laid siege to the Golden Temple of Amritsar last summer and successfully brought about the surrender of the extremists trying again to turn it into a fortress.

But the Government has not been able to capitalize on that considerable victory and a change of policy is being signalled.

There are already reports that the energetic governor of the state, Mr S.S. Ray, is contemplating a move back to the Supreme Court where he has been a successful advocate, and there have been reports that a move to the purely ceremonial governorship of some small north-eastern state is being contemplated for the architect of the hardline security policy, Mr Julio Ribeiro. The removal of both these figures is seen as a necessary precondition to a renewed attempt at a political settlement.

Secondly, a conference of all the political parties is being discussed. The all-party meetung is likely to take place during the parliamentary session which opens today.

There have also been several moves among the badly split Sikh political party, the Akali Dal, to reunite and form a sufficiently strong political grouping to take back democratic power in the state. Direct rule from Delhi was imposed two years ago when the Akali Government broke apart.

Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, then the Chief Minister, has been visiting leaders of the other factions offering to stand down if necessary. He called on Mr Prakash Singh Badal, the most charismatic of his opponents, jailed in the south. Mr Badal was said to have been ready to join a reunified party.

One more sign that the prevailing climate of opinion is moving away from the hard-liners was the appointment to the Cabinet Secretariat at the weekend of Mr R.K. Dhawan, formerly the second most powerful man in India as Mrs Gandhi's principal secretary, but in profound disgrace since her death. He has long been considered a powerful enemy of Mr Buta Singh, the Home Minister, who has been the leader of the hard-line campaign in the centre.

Reports that the so-called "Jodhpur détenues" will be released shortly have further eased tensions. These are people who may or may not have been innocent worshippers at the Golden Temple at the time of its seizure by the Army in 1984 and who have been held in jail since.

## Political wheeler-dealing in Italy

# Applause belies De Mita's position

From Roger Boyes, Rome

If the clapometer in Rome's Palaeur Hall is anything to go by, the Christian Democratic Party's adulation of its tired leader could stand comparison with ovations given to Mrs Thatcher in Brighton.

Conservative delegates interrupted the 2½-hour keynote speech of Signor Ciriaco De Mita, the Italian Prime Minister, 24 times; 25 if one counts the time they applauded him blowing his nose. Afterwards the home team, brought in from De Mita territory in southern Italy, chanted the name of their leader.

Nobody would have thought that the party was preparing to dump Signor De Mita, their leader for seven years and Prime Minister of Italy for the past 10 months. But that was the case.

Signor Arnaldo Forlani, a 63-year-old former Prime Minister, is almost certain to be elected tomorrow as the new party leader.

Signor De Mita did not want to go. His dual functions had allowed him to accumulate unprecedented power.

The Prime Minister of Italy has traditionally been weaker than elsewhere in Europe while the leader of the party, especially of the dominant Christian Democrats, enjoys the real power of coalition-broking and breaking.

By retaining the leadership, Signor De Mita had hoped to strengthen the Prime Ministership and the stability of the Italian Government as well as reform Parliament and the party. He got only as far as scrapping the secret vote in Parliament, an unpopular move with Christian Democrat backbenchers.

Institutional reform is a slow process in Italy and Signor De Mita does not favour the *Sturm und Drang* tactics of his uncomfortable coalition partner, Signor Bettino Craxi, of the Socialist Party. Signor De Mita tends to move only slightly faster than his furniture, and that has proved to be a valuable skill.

But his party is growing impatient. He has not fully used his temporary advantages and has neglected the primary function of party management: to soothe bruised factional egos. Moreover seven years of party control has blocked promotion for many ambitious members.

There are three main factions within the Christian Democratic Party: each has to be flattered and fed by the party leader.

Signor De Mita's own faction claims about 35 per cent of the Congress delegates and is positioned on the left-wing of the party; the Grand Centre faction of the Interior Minister, Signor Antonio Gava, controls roughly the same number, while the followers of the Foreign Minister, Signor Giulio Andreotti, comprise about 19 per cent of the party.

Signor Forlani is from the Gava faction, though not perhaps completely at ease within it. He has allies too in the Andreotti faction. And Signor Craxi's Socialist Party regards Signor Forlani as a good coalition politician. That is enough to fuel Signor De Mita's suspicious nature.

Signor Forlani is guilty of having too many friends. Ideally the Prime Minister would like a completely malleable party leader, but Signor Forlani has his own relatively independent base of support.

The party always has been something of an anthropological case study. There are tribal intermarriages, rites of passage and, as Signor De Mita is discovering, blood sacrifices.

The Christian Democrats have maintained a political hegemony since the war but have never won an absolute majority. It is condemned to coalition and wheeler dealing has become its very essence.

Its point as a party used to be to uphold the values of a Christian Italy in the face of a strong Communist Party; now its point is largely to stay in power. The scope of compromise needed to acheive this is what defines the different factions within the Christian Democratic Party.



Signor De Mita: Adulation for a tired party leader.

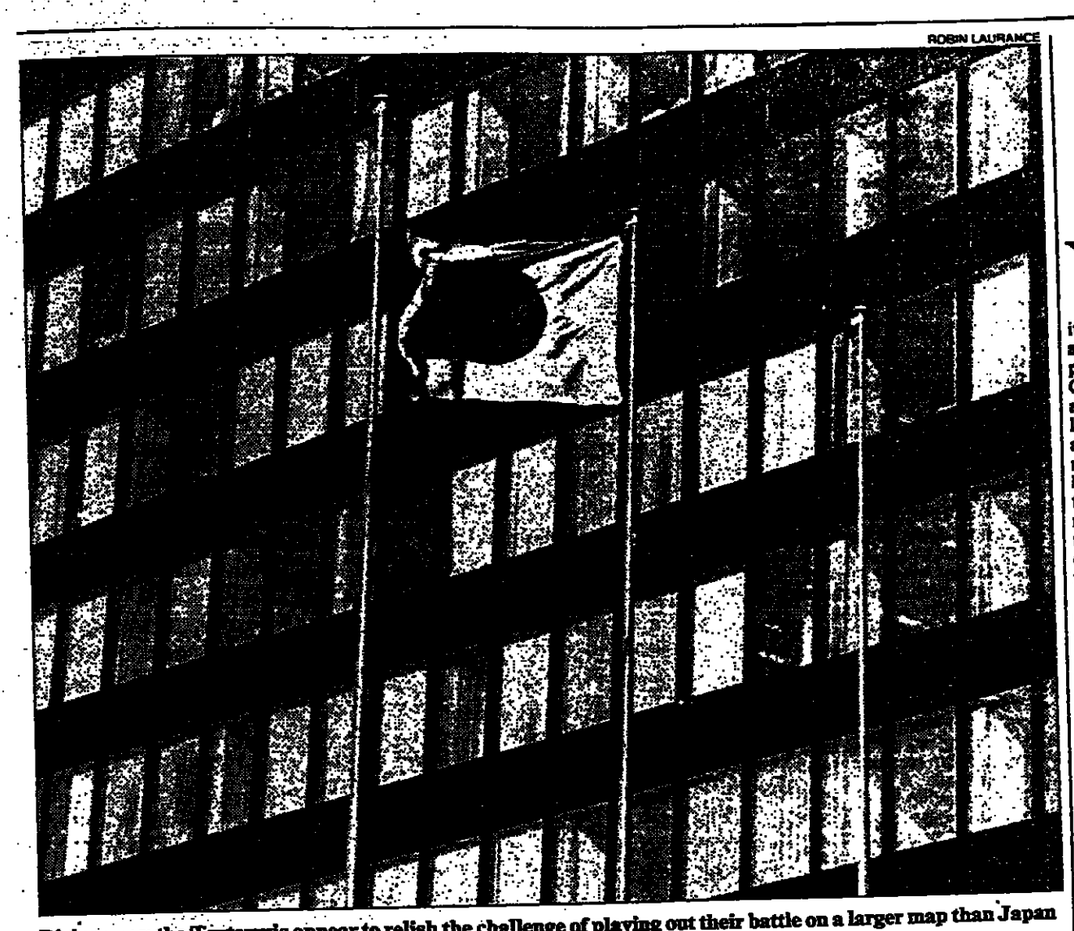
In the corridors of Palaeur, high up in Mussolini's Roman district, the talk was of new jobs for the new boys.

But the real debate is concealed in the factional split between the Andreotti followers and those of Signor De Mita; it is the debate about the parties Christian roots. Signor De Mita wants to modernize Italy (and perhaps his party too) which means bringing policies in line with the new, wealthy, secular country.

Signor Andreotti agrees on the need for substantial institutional changes but thinks, first, that proven democratic principles should not be abandoned in the name of a notional government stability and secondly, that Italy is still a naturally Roman Catholic country whose natural governing party should be the Christian Democrats.

The best hope of Signor De Mita, saddled with a new party leader, is to change the balance of power between the Premiership and the party. The party should be moulded into a supportive institution (on the lines, say Signor De Mita's advisors, of the current British Conservative Party), while the Prime Minister's office should develop muscles.

# SPECTRUM



ROBIN LAURANCE

Rising sons: the Tsutsumis appear to relish the challenge of playing out their battle on a larger map than Japan

# *Dallas* in Tokyo

**The real-life rivalry of Japan's Tsutsumi brothers makes the fictional warfare of the Ewings look tame. Joe Joseph discovers some family secrets**

Most people in Britain would be pushed to name a dozen prominent Japanese men or women, dead or living. It is one of those blind spots that has survived Japan's rise to riches. Few would guess that the world's richest person is not a Getty or a Rockefeller but a brash, illegitimate Japanese businessman called Yoshiaki Tsutsumi.

The name of Tsutsumi is as familiar as *sushi* to most Japanese. But this is not so much because Yoshiaki is richer than King David, or because he is one of Japan's most envied tycoons, or that he plays golf (on one of his 25 golf courses) with present and past prime ministers and then wines and feeds them (in one of his 50 hotels), or even because many Japanese reckon that one day he might be prime minister himself.

What keeps Tsutsumi in the headlines is a sizzling sibling rivalry with his half-brother Seiji, who is the legitimate son of their powerful and promiscuous father. Seiji, a one-time student Communist and a part-time but critically successful poet and novelist, is head of an empire now almost as grand as Yoshiaki's, even though he was all but written out of their father's will.

The two billionaires' unsheathed hatred for each other is manna to gossip columnists. It also has become a curious spectator sport in Japan, even though the breadth of the feuding and the twists of the intrigue would baffle all but Hollywood's most imaginative scriptwriters.

Both brothers shun publicity, both are seen as kingmakers behind-the-scenes in Japanese politics and both are tipped for even grander things ahead. But beyond that the two are as similar as *Crossroads* and *King Lear*.

Seiji is as cultured and cool as Yoshiaki is gruff and fiery. Seiji, the son of Misao Tsutsumi, a noted poet, wins literary prizes for his own poems, published under the pen name of Takashi Tsuji: after working on his business affairs until 10pm he retreats to his study to write until dawn. He gives generously to the arts, building museums and theatres, and to young international artists.

Yoshiaki, son of Tsuneko Ishizuka, one of his father's mistresses, is not interested in buying paintings or tasting culture. He is obsessed with frugality and apart from supporting political friends, loathes donating money to anyone or anything. He roams the country in his helicopter, inspecting his empire of hotels, barking orders, keeping his staff on their toes ("I don't need employees with fancy college education," he once said. "I want people who can do what I tell them") and making sure that nothing is wasted. Towels in his hotels are used for an extra year, after which they are used as rags in Yoshiaki's offices.



Oh brother: Yoshiaki and Seiji

The jealousy oils the two brothers' business rivalry, spurring both Yoshiaki and Seiji to build larger empires than they might otherwise have done. Until recently, the fact that the two brothers were involved in largely different areas of business kept the hostility just below boiling point.

Yoshiaki, aged 54, made his name from the Seibu Railway networks and hotels that his father developed, and from the luxurious golf courses, ski villages and leisure complexes he set up to tap the new wealth of young Japanese. Yoshiaki's empire is estimated at $400 billion.

Seiji, who is 61, started with some obscure department stores and turned them into the Saison Group, one of Japan's most dynamic distribution conglomerates. The centrepiece has been his chain of Seibu department stores, where customers can book a holiday, borrow the money to pay for it and buy everything, from clothes to a suitcase, that they might need for the trip.

But last September, Seiji spent $2.27 billion on buying the 100-strong Inter-Continental luxury hotel chain from Britain's Grand Metropolitan. With more Japanese travelling abroad, why not tap their custom and even let them pay their bills at the Inter-Continental in New York and Paris with the same Saison credit card they use to settle their account at their local Seibu department store back home? (Of course, Yoshiaki's hotels, although they accept everything from American Express to Visa, sniff at the Saison Card, which is now accepted even in London.)

The battle lines were drawn by Tsutsumi senior, Yasujiro Tsutsumi, a sharp wheeler-dealer who made his money in property, his name in politics as an MP for 30 years, rising to speaker of the house, and his reputation as a thrice-married man who kept pretty mistresses on the side. Seiji inherited the legitimate right to the family name. Yoshiaki, the favoured son, inherited the bulk of his father's empire, his father's autocratic style, and his father's knack for joshing with politicians who might be able to help his business interests.

Yoshiaki is a friend and backer of Noboru Takeshita, Japan's prime minister — naturally, Seiji backs Kiichi Miyazawa, one of Takeshita's rivals for the leadership of the ruling Liberal Democrats — and has impressive contacts in high places.

When Yoshiaki's mother died in 1984 three former prime ministers as well as the then premier, Yasuhiro Nakasone, attended the funeral. But even there the bitterness festered. In the middle of the ceremony, a blimp floated across the sky advertising a new store in Seiji's Seibu chain.

It is not beyond belief that Yasujiro, whose buccaneering business style earned him the nickname "Pistol", knew his two sons well enough to realize that the surest way of expanding his legacy and securing his family's name was to pit one son against the other.

As their power grows and their interests increasingly flow into each other's territory, the rivalry is likely to get spikier. It will also grow more international. As ritzy shops in London and Manhattan jostle for the Japanese customers air-freighted in to stay at Seiji's hotels, the Saison credit card sign will soon become as humdrum in London as those for Access and Visa. Yoshiaki also has foreign ambitions, both in hotels and in new areas such as cable television.

The brothers appear to be relishing the challenge of playing out their battle on a larger map than Japan. That will introduce the name of Tsutsumi to an audience that usually catches such adventures only on TV mini-series.

# Winning the race against timeshares in wild Wales

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**A small local group had its work cut out raising money to rescue a lost wildlife kingdom. But the Radnorshire Wildlife Trust, the second of this week's five finalists, was undaunted**

You might say it was a lost kingdom of wildlife, and rediscovery threatened its overthrow. Some of Britain's rarest birds, animals and plants reigned supreme on Gilfach Farm after it was abandoned in its remote and lovely valley in central Wales, and to calculate just how much the Radnorshire Wildlife Trust rescued by managing to buy it is not the matter of a moment. David Hargreaves, the trust's young conservation officer, counts it off on his fingers.

"The moorland has wheatears and whinchats, but it's really special for the birds of prey that hunt over it. We have, let's see, peregrine, red kite, merlin, buzzard, sparrow hawk, hen harrier and kestrel.

"In the oakwood we have summer birds like wood warblers, redstarts and pied flycatchers. In the pastures which have never been 'improved', we have mountain pansy and eyebright, and in the marshier parts we have heath spotted orchid, sundew and butterwort.

"Along the river we have wood bitter vetch and globe flower. There are salmon and trout and of course the otters. The female has just given birth . . ."

He could go on to mention the fungi or the insects or the roosting bats in the railway tunnel . . . but it doesn't matter: although its parts are spectacular, Gilfach Farm is more than the sum of them.

In cold scientific terms it is a 383-acre Welsh hill farm with an unusually high concentration of different wildlife habitats in a small area. In human terms it does indeed feel something like a lost kingdom.

High in the hills, it was hardly touched by the 20th century and in 1966 was abandoned altogether as a working farm. For 21 years it lay forgotten, hidden in one of the least-populated parts of Wales, the district of Radnorshire in Powys. The 17th-century farm buildings crumbled. The slate-roofed barn lost its slates. Stray sheep roamed in the farmhouse rooms. Gates swung on their posts.

But Gilfach's rich and rare wildlife flourished, isolated from the increasing commercial pressures of farming, tourism and development. Its heather moorland was not ploughed up. Its oakwood was not cut down. Its flower-rich pastures were not fertilized. Its flower-rich bogs were not drained. No crowds disturbed the otters on its river. No holiday homes sprouted on its hillsides, no timeshare chalets, no caravan parks.

All of which suddenly became a possibility in August 1987 when, after its owner had died, Gilfach Farm went on the market. The Radnorshire Wildlife Trust had been formed one month before and had just over 50 members. They all realized a commercial sale would be the end of Gilfach, one way or another, through tourist or agricultural development. They did not think they could buy it themselves. But they thought that they must.

"It was so wonderfully unspoiled, from a conservation point of view, I felt we must try to acquire it," says the chairman, Dr Gordon Parker, a retired GP. "But I thought it was virtually an impossibility because it was such a huge project for such a small trust to take on."

They took it on. They chased money all over Britain, from individuals and charities and government departments, and managed to raise the £100,000 the agents thought the property would make. They even raised another £5,000, just to be on the safe side, and offered that. It wasn't enough.

The country property boom was in full swing and prices for 17th-century Welsh farmhouses were going through the roof.

"The agents said: 'Too low.' Every time we went back they produced an even higher bid," Dr Parker says. "We went from £105,000 to £125,000. Then to £150,000. Then to £155,000. It was terrible."

Eventually, in March last year, by dint of ceaseless lobbying, this small group of people in mid-Wales had managed to raise £170,500 for the final sealed bid auction.

That wasn't enough either.

A builder from the South-East offered more. "We feared the worst for Gilfach," says Dr Parker. But the builder dropped out a week later and Gilfach Farm was theirs.

The members are enormously enthusiastic and swarm like ants over the farmhouse and the barn as the work of restoration gets under way, to provide accommodation for wardens and an interpretative centre. "It's surprising," Dr Parker says, "what a small group of dedicated people can actually do."

No one who has witnessed the lost kingdom of red kite, otter and globe flower that he and his members saved would deny him that.

**Michael McCarthy**

● *Members of the Radnorshire Wildlife Trust can be heard talking about Gilfach Farm on BBC Radio 4's* PM *today from 5pm.*

*Details of how to vote will be published in* The Times *and broadcast on* PM *at the end of the week.*

CHRIS HARRIS



Local hero: David Hargreaves working to restore the derelict Welsh farm he helped to save

TOMORROW

**Discovering the secrets of the hornet man**

# Picking on the poor parrot

NEW WORDS FOR OLD



The parrot has a hard time in our vocabulary, as well as in our kitchens. Stewed parrots' tongues were a delicacy for the nuttier Roman emperors, partly because they were imperially expensive, and partly because it was believed that the parrot's trick of imitating human speech would be transferred to those who ate the bird's articulate bit by sympathetic magic.

You would think that the parrot would be a metaphor and proverb for prettiness or cleverness. Instead the poor popinjay is a byword for death and disease, although the parrot is in fact remarkably long-lived.

The latest instance of this unfairness to parrots is the new British slang phrase "dead parrot". This is used by the trendy to mean something completely and irrevocably defunct; dead as a doornail or dodo. The vogue was introduced a year ago when the joint policy statement, called "Voices and Choices for All", was issued by David Steel and Robert McLennan as a basis for a merged Liberal and Social Democratic party. This was widely condemned by all factions of both sides as a dead parrot document, representative of few of the views of either side, too right-wing and Thatcherite, and offering no hope of joint action. So the two party leaders at the time were told to go away and try again. The *Observer*: "At that point Mr Steel's future — like his document — was widely regarded as a dead parrot. Surely this was the end of his 12-year reign as Liberal leader?"

The origin of slang is often as elusive as what song the Syrens (sic, that's how old Sir Thomas Browne spelt it) sang.

But with dead parrot we know. Dead parrot as image of stone dead and no hope of recovery derives from the BBC TV series *Monty Python's Flying Circus* of the Seventies. A notable sketch showed a disgruntled customer returning to a pet shop with a parrot he had bought there which turned out to be extremely dead, and the shopkeeper trying to convince him that it is not. From such insignificant beginnings language grows. If dead parrot sticks in the language, at least we know how it got there.

"Sick as a parrot", the traditional phrase to express extreme chagrin by footballers and football managers when they have lost, is another recent disobliging parrot phrase. I think we can date this catchphrase precisely.

In the Seventies there were a number of heavily publicized cases of travellers from West Africa dying of psittacosis or parrot fever (a viral disease of parrots and other birds that can be transmitted to man, in whom it produces inflammation of the lungs, pneumonia, and often death). After the sensational papers had been full of such alarming stories laid on with a shovel and 72-point headlines, footballers who read such papers introduced "sick as a parrot" into their gladiatorial vocabulary.

At least that is my theory. But you can, if you want, note that the phrase "as melancholy as a sick parrot" was current in the 17th and 18th centuries, for example in the plays of Aphra Behn.

To speak or prate like a parrot is a proverbial simile for talking much rubbish. For example, *Othello*: "Drunk! And speak parrot! And squabble, swagger, swear!" "An almond for a parrot" is a proverbial expression for a reward for speaking, or a reward for keeping silent (as usual, there is some confusion in our parrot phrases). *Troilus and Cressida*: "The parrot will do no more for an almond than he for a commodious drab."

Our parrot metaphors are inapt. But they are nothing like as rude as what parrots say about humans behind their backs:

*A parrot next, but dead and staff'd with art;*
*(For Poll, when living, lost the lady's heart,*
*And then his life; for he was heard to speak*
*Such frightful words as tinged his lady's cheek:)*
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*Save by such speech, his gratitude and love.*

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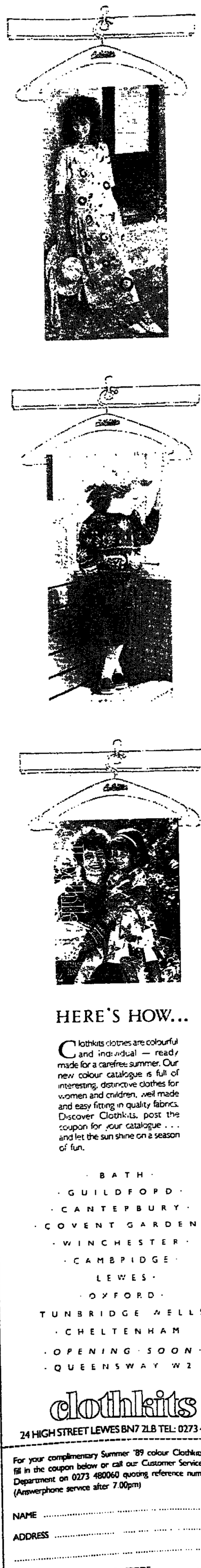
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# FASHION

# A sharper edge to style

**Ski suits are hanging straight and loose on the smartest alpine slopes. "Technical" materials are out, long skis – and long hair – are very much in. Amanda Atha finds that everyone is thinking pink, or fluorescent, and speaks to the creator of the brightest and most original high altitude designs**



New frontiers: Jet Set's collection leading the way with the pioneer look, fur trim on belted blouson over mountaineering-style sweater. Men's all-in-ones available from £249.99 at Lillywhites

I wish I could say that your average skier was a model of good design and exciting ideas, but the sad fact is that most of us look terrible. The British and Italians are the worst, a shuffling rag-bag of dirty old anoraks and crumpled cast-offs and gloves like cows' udders.

Let us avert the gaze from these horrors and contemplate the happy few who have some style in their wardrobe, because what they are wearing today, the rest of us will probably be wearing tomorrow (and tomorrow and tomorrow).

In Cortina, people stand around in groups, dressed in large-brimmed felt hats, reindeer boots and fur capes, like extras from an opera chorus.

In St Moritz, it is like walking into a well-fed zoo, with pelts camouflaging beautifully in the brown and white speckled mountains. Such furry splendour is in general "over the top" and inapplicable to life at the sharp end of the Alps.

Nevertheless, I have noticed a growing use of fur, with scraps of it peeping out from cuffs and collars and hood linings, as though daring the Green Party to object (it is, incidentally, even now objecting to this year's miracle worker, artificial snow).

Fleecy jackets are also popular, and there are other faint notes of warfare, too, in coats with tags such as "Mig-3 of the 34 IAP operating from Vnukovo (Western Sector . . .)" on them or "Operation Glory – The Empire is Growin' ", as well as flying hats and goggles. These last have been with us a year or three now, but are showing no signs of going away, even though heli-skiing is now banned in so many places.

Such ideas blend in neatly with Timberland – those highly priced bits of name-branded hide, fashioned into sailing and walking shoes – together with thick leather accessories and the sort of bristly greige (alpaca) sweater you might expect to see on a North Sea fishing vessel.

Timberland is all over the Alps, particularly in Italy, and is being worn with everything. Even your smart *après-ski* boot is now a Timberland rather than a Moonboot.

The "classic" ski suit to wear with all this is a giant, soft overall with huge blouson top and almost batwing sleeves – very important to get this right. The shoulders are padded, but then so is everything else.

The waist is heaved in tight (Timberland belt or a cheap flashy one with studs on) to give some shape to the outfit. The overall trousers are straight and loose but quite lean (getting leaner), finished with nice attention to detail: double or treble rows of stitching, double turn-ups, patterned reinforcements.

Colours are lime yellow, some hot pink and sky blue (Think Pink is a popular name), some metallic shades, and purple and green are becoming more popular. Every tenth skier or so is a flash of fluorescence – a sensible fashion device which is a real safety factor in poor visibility.

White is everywhere, but not to be copied. It always looks dingy against the snow and shows up the dirty blobs of a fall or dribbled pasta. Big black patterns, geometrics and abstracts are also on the way out. In their place are more subtle motifs embroidered on the backs and bosoms of outfits, usually in the same colour, or picked out in a different texture, such as shiny dots on matt background.



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A new fashion, which has crept in almost unnoticed, is to wear a nylon rucksack, preferably the same colour as your ski suit. The idea is to give other skiers the idea that you might be about to do something intrepid like paragliding. (Paragliding is, incidentally, on the increase: in Dobbiaco in the Tyrol we met a man who does nothing but climb up mountains and jump off them. He has a yuppie telephone so he can call his wife and say he'll be down in half an hour.)

Rather surprisingly, "technical" materials, with festoons of explanations hanging off new outfits, are out. They do pop up here and there, particularly in children's clothing, but almost apologetically.

Gore-tex is now an option, not an art form. The main fabrics are treated microfibres (polyamides) which cut and drape well and give enough protection for the "recreational" skier.

Skis are worn long, the theory being that the longer the ski, the better the skier. Hair is also worn long, sometimes tied up with pieces of old rag. Faces are tanned and wrinkly. Zinc ointment has been wiped off.

The inspiration for most of this is the Swiss company, Jet Set. As a smart Italian skier said in an old-fashioned moment, Jet Set is the "*ne plus ultra*" of ski fashion. It is expensive, exciting, exclusive (try Lillywhites), worn by Sting and the Duchess of York and is the creation of Kurt Ulmer, who is both owner and designer. Ulmer has long blond hair and is shy when it comes to publicity, playing his cards close to his chest because, like Rolex and Cartier, he is vulnerable to being copied. Indeed, he believes that there is hardly a skiwear collection in Europe which has not copied him in some way. "Not always the whole garment, but something in the finish, the seams . . . They have no fear . . ." he says.

This genius of the slopes operates out of a large garage behind the Kulm Hotel in St Moritz, with a factory near Rimini. He was born in Davos, learnt the banking trade, raced for the Swiss B team, slung away his racing skis and, in 1969, opened a shop in St Moritz.

In 1976 he started "making things for myself" with no training or practice, but a lot of knowledge of what is needed and what people are asking for – the idea being that "function and fashion come together".

The results of Ulmer's efforts are a yearly collection of the most original ski wear design. He has brought in new materials: for example, he has been using microfibres for five years, and has experimented with printing on fabric. "I brought Hawaii to the snow," he says.

He has experimented with existing materials, treating them, painting them (including basic jean fabric), used fluorescence years before anyone else, and is now planning "some new shapes".

Ulmer is so low key that the public do not always realize they have Ulmer to thank. He has a truly remarkable talent and when he "gets fed up with all these clothes", as he threatens to do, and instead takes to designing interiors and doing more windsurfing, even customers buying the tartan shirts and other mass-produced favourites in the department stores will eventually feel the loss.

● **Liz Smith is on holiday.**





**Style wars:** This year's new look, the plain suit with subtle motifs (above left), versus the fading fashion for colourful abstracts and bold geometrics (above right) on the children's slopes at St Moritz

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## PEOPLE

### Cher loses her inhibitions



***Cher* (right) should be flying into London fresh from filming her latest movie with *Meryl Streep* to attend the launch of her own perfume, *Uninhibited*, next month. The perfume is based on a mixture of essential oils – ylang-ylang, magnolia, honeysuckle and Egyptian jasmine – that she wears, its half moon-shaped lid is styled on an earring she wore in *The Witches of Eastwick*. It is available exclusively at Selfridges from March 24 for two weeks and then stores nationwide. Prices from £20 for 45ml eau de toilette spray to £150 for 50ml perfume.**

### French dressing

**With the bicentennial celebrations of the French Revolution hotting up, *Stephen Marks*, whose French Connection took the high street by storm back in 1972, has decided to celebrate with a competition launched yesterday. He is inviting budding window dressers to stage a coup in their local high streets with their designs for stunning window displays.**

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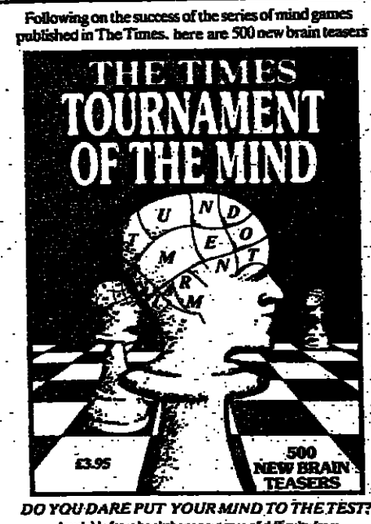
### Rhinestone rescue

**If you are hoarding a stash of costume jewellery rendered useless by missing rhinestones all is not lost, as *Janet Street-Porter* discovered. When she broke one of her favourite pieces, a silver wire bracelet set with stones, David Joseph, her local jewellery shop, came to the rescue with their costume jewellery repair service.**

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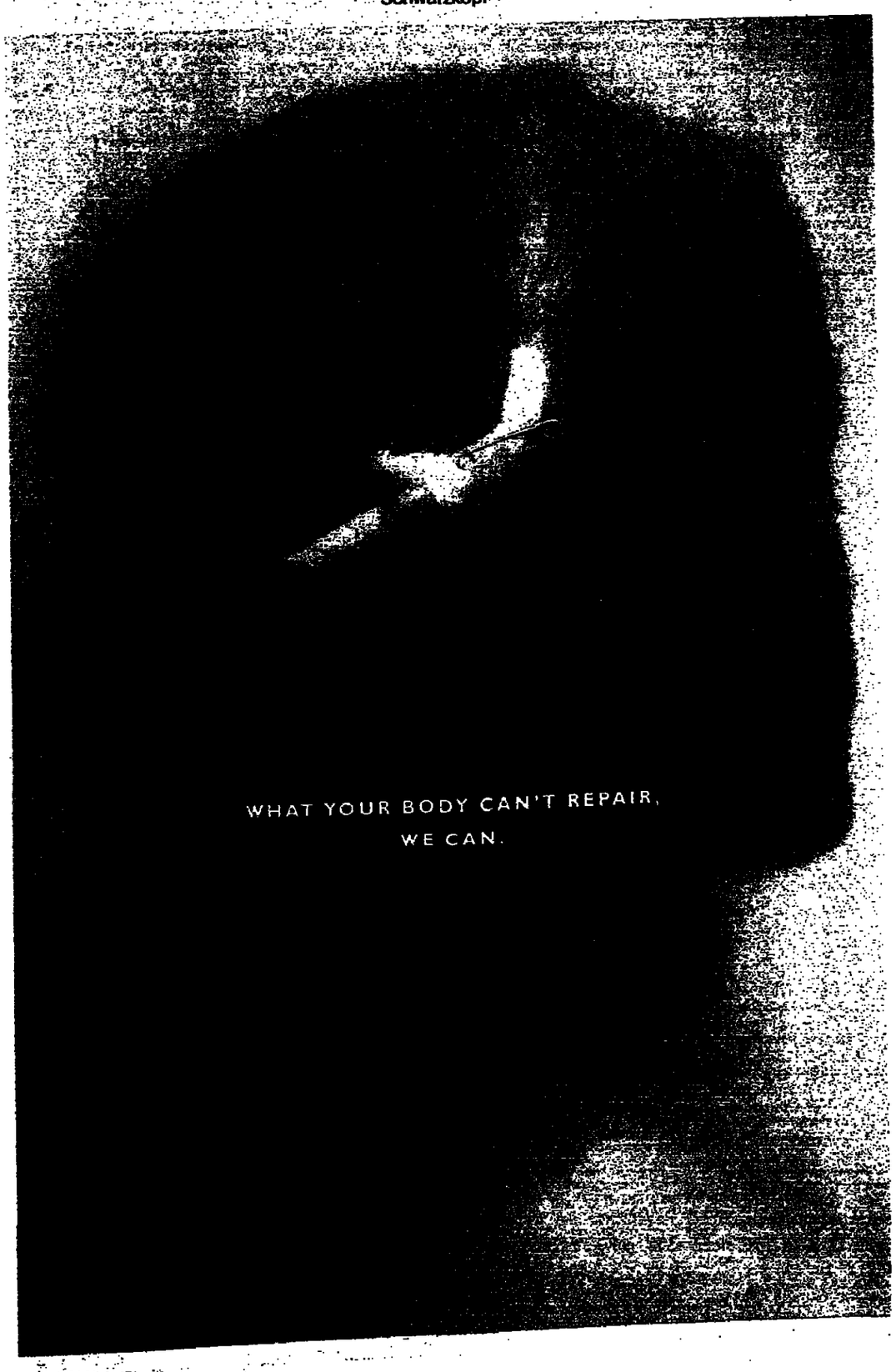
**Left:** Oriental-inspired motif on full-cut padded blouson with elasticated waistband, Jet Set

**Above:** Lean and shapely metallic all-in-one. Similar from £249 by Descent

**Inset:** Striped rucksack for the intrepid look

**Right:** Woman wearing multi-coloured patchwork, padded jacket over army fatigue-style trousers. Man wearing plain, quilted blouson with padded trousers with elasticated ankles. Men's jackets from £169.99, women's from £199.99, by Jet Set from a selection at Lillywhites, Piccadilly, W1


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# TIMES DIARY

DAVID WALKER

Former colleagues of Lord Armstrong – who as Sir Robert was Cabinet Secretary for nine years – are divided as to his exact position in the V&A saga. The see-no-evil brigade says he is simply putting his weight and managerial expertise behind a reorganization scheme already drawn up and using his good offices to liaise with the Office of Arts and Libraries, which in his day came under the direct command of the Cabinet Office. Negotiators from the First Division Association, eight of whose members are being made redundant, say it is just like old times.

The conspiracy theorists see something darker going on. Although they would not pin responsibility on Lord Armstrong, they say he must know at least the outlines of a game plan that goes considerably further than internal reorganization at the V&A. The place to look, they say, is across London, at the National Maritime Museum. Perhaps because it is in Greenwich it has so far escaped attention, but has gone a good way down a road that, by the early 1990s, could make it the first museum to be privatized. (Perhaps not a public sell-off; more likely conversion into a private trust completely free of government support.)

Like the V&A, the National Maritime Museum has scaled down down its research and curatorial role; unlike the V&A it openly charges not only for entrance but for access to its store of artifacts; makers of model ships, for example, must now pay substantial sums to get plans. Again like the V&A, it has firmly replaced the old style of museum management with a tougher, entrepreneurial mode. Neil Cossons (now making the Science Museum shipshape) first applied the new discipline and Richard Ormond is carrying on the good work – getting sponsorship, popularizing, and generally emphasizing crowd-pulling, one-off shows such as a forthcoming *Mutiny on the Bounty* spectacular, rather than the permanent stock.

Lord Armstrong's ex-colleagues say it is a sense of that wider movement in museums policy (based squarely on chief executive-style managers) that he is taking to the V&A.

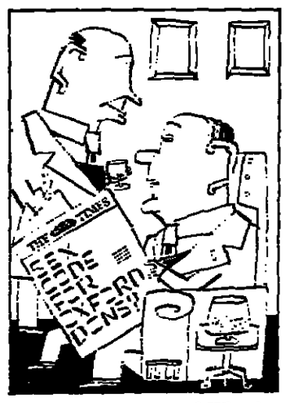
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Accident or design? Lord Young's propaganda organ, the weekly DTI magazine *British Business*, this week announces the appointment of a new, part-time member of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, Graham Mather. It might be thought that Mather's was an appointment of which the DTI might be proud – the very fact that he is a right-of-centre economic liberal ought to make him extra vigilant in shooting down monopolies. But it appears that someone at *British Business* is embarrassed by his politics. The potted biography contains no mention of Mather's principal job: general director of the Institute of Economic Affairs.

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Mandarin humour from Peter Kemp, permanent secretary at the Office of the Minister for the Civil Service, and the man in charge of the plan to reform Whitehall into executive agencies in line with Sir Robin Ibbs's blueprint. When the minister, Richard Luce, announced his new (and remarkably progressive) policy on nurseries and infant care for civil servants' offspring, Kemp responded: "It seems he's responsible not only for *The Next Steps*, but first steps as well."

BARRY FANTONI




**"No unwanted advances? What in heaven will people fill the first half of their autobiography with?"**

It must be consolation to Edgar Page, the Hull University philosopher who refused to be sacked, that the University Grants Committee report on the state of his subject concludes with a terse recommendation to Hull's vice-chancellor, Dr Bill Taylor: make at least one additional appointment if Hull is to have any credibility in teaching philosophy.

Page's union, the Association of University Teachers, has meanwhile been given the lobbyist's ultimate reward – preparing an answer to a parliamentary question planted by itself. The AUT got a friendly MP to ask a series of questions about professors' pay. Officials at the Department of Education didn't know the answers and passed the buck to the Committee of Vice-Chancellors. It too was stumped and asked its employees in the AUT for the information.

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Whitehall's loss is more often than not the private sector's gain, but what happens when able officials leave the Civil Service for the *public* sector? Will a civil servant always be a catspaw of Whitehall? It doesn't look that way at the Rating and Valuation Association, which has just appointed as its new director the rising Home Office official Colin Farrington. This is the professional association for the chaps who decide the rateable value of our houses – and for the new breed of poll tax collectors who will replace them. As such it's an outfit the Government will be relying on over the next couple of years as the new tax is introduced.

Farrington started with vigour, moving the association into new premises, sharpening its procedures and bringing in computers. But what's this? Under his auspices the valuers are commissioning heavyweight studies of local income tax, and new systems of valuing domestic property. That doesn't sound like the work of an organization wedded to poll tax – or does Whitehall know something about its handiwork that poll tax payers have yet to find out?

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Bernard Levin revives an episode Labour would like to forget

# Rhymney remembered

In the Pontypridd by-election, the Labour candidate is Mr Kim Howells, and he is being portrayed everywhere, even in newspapers most hostile to Labour, as the very model of a moderate and reasonable Labour man, the kind who would reassure even the most nervous voter contemplating a Labour vote, and who would be the very best sort of MP for Mr Kinnock to present as further evidence of Labour's new image.

With that reputation, and a Labour majority at the last election of some 17,000, Mr Howells would, in ordinary circumstances, be certain to win the seat. But the circumstances are, in one crucial particular, very extraordinary indeed, and these extraordinary circumstances I shall now describe.

During the miners' strike, there was a great deal of violence on the picket lines and elsewhere, but only one incident resulted in a conviction for murder. Two men had deliberately dropped from a bridge a 40lb block of concrete, together with a concrete fence-post of similar weight, on to a taxi which had been ascertained to be carrying a miner who, having rejected the strike, was going to work at the pit. The taxi driver was killed, and his killers were sentenced to life imprisonment. On appeal, the murder conviction was reduced to a charge of manslaughter, and the life sentences to eight years.

The miners' strike undoubtedly aroused fierce passions, and when hot heads are filled with fierce passions, things are done that in more reflective moments even the hottest head would recoil from. But it takes cool heads, not hot, to collect and transport two massive chunks of concrete, balance them on the parapet of a bridge, wait till the target is at hand, take perfect aim and push the lethal charge over the edge. A special horror, therefore, should grip anyone of any imagination who contemplates what was done. Should, yes; but for some, that grip had slackened.

The town in which both the killers and their victim had lived is called Rhymney, and a procession and meeting was organized, under a banner reading "Rhymney, a town in mourning". A fitting memorial, you might think; but the mourning in question was not for the dead man, *but for his killers*.

The procession was diverted by the police when it was discovered that it was planned to pass the home of the miner who had been travelling in the taxi; it seemed that some of those who had gathered to applaud and sympathize with the killers might not have had their fill of violence. (They contented themselves with cries of "scab".) But there then followed the meeting, with several speakers.

One was Mr Ray Davies, a member of the county council, who said: "When that despicable verdict was announced there were shock waves of horror and revulsion" – for the "despicable verdict", mind, not for the brutal death. Another was a local Labour MEP, Mr Llew Smith, who said that the sentence was "political . . . a warning that anyone who decides to take on the Government will not be tolerated"; thus did he describe – "take on the Government" – the abomination of the killing.

Another speaker was Mr Peter Heathfield, general secretary of the NUM, who said that the killers were "the victims of legislation designed to indicate to working people 'that is your lot if you choose to rebel against the establishment' . . . ".

And there was another speaker, Mr Kim Howells, now the moderate and reasonable candidate at Pontypridd, but then – well, if you will pardon me for quoting myself I may as well reprint what I wrote, in my column on the case, about Mr Howells' contribution to the Rhymney day of mourning for two live killers rather than one dead victim; it is important to remember that neither the publication of excerpts from the speeches at the meeting nor my own comments on them drew any complaint, from Mr Howells or anybody else, about being misreported.

Mr Kim Howells . . . insisted that "the first act of a Labour government should be to review the case . . . I am as choked as everyone else here . . . this government set out with its whole parliamentary paraphernalia to defeat us as a class . . . they [the killers] were the sacrificial lambs of the system . . . they will never be alone, our communities will always be with them, and we will do our utmost to ensure that this absurd decision of the court is reversed."

But Mr Howells said something else: "Any one of us that took part in active picketing in the strike could have thrown those rocks because we were forced to protect our communities." It does not take much knowledge of the case to see that Mr Howells is a liar; the killers did not "throw rocks"; they dropped a 40lb block of concrete, and a concrete fence-post, off a bridge on to a car passing below, having first made sure it was the car carrying a miner to work. But . . . the substance of Mr Howells' words is clear, and they mean, if they mean anything at all, that what the killers did was justified, and would have been justified whoever did it, because the NUM was "forced to protect our communities".

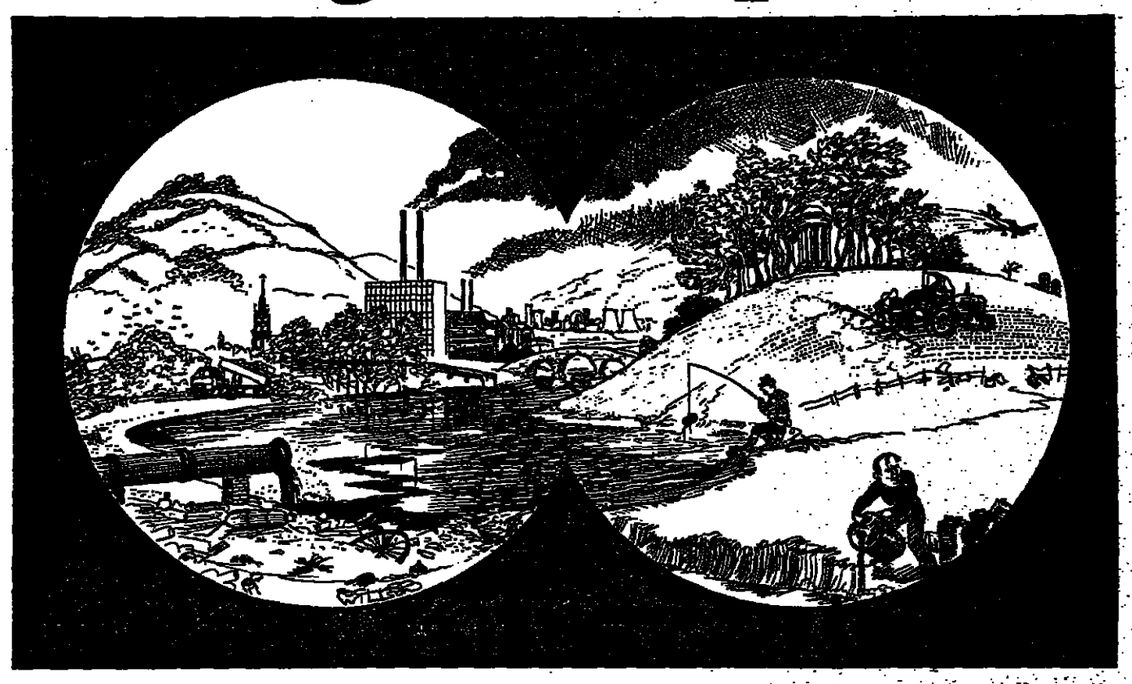
A taxi driver, pursuing his trade; a miner, wishing to follow his; these were an army, were they, advancing with tanks and flame-throwers, to destroy "our communities" . . . ? They were fair game, were they, at least as the target of "rocks"? They had come, had they, to offer the Lord a burnt offering of two "sacrificial lambs"? With people like Mr Howells about, it's a mercy the two killers weren't persuaded to plead self-defence . . .

I repeat: Mr Howells did not deny any of the words quoted; to do him justice, I imagine that he was, and still is, proud of them. So be it; but the voters of Pontypridd ought to know, when they cast their ballots on Thursday, how "moderate" and "reasonable" their Labour candidate is. Oh, and could we now have a comment from Mr Kinnock on his candidate's moderation and reason?

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Nicholas Ridley

# Protecting our liquid assets



The case for privatizing the water industry gets stronger under the pressure of debate. In fact, it was the preparations for privatization which brought out for the first time the contradictions in the present situation, in which the water authorities are both gamekeepers and poachers in controlling quality standards.

We could not let a privatized company remain as the regulatory authority for pollution control, water quality, abstraction, discharge and the like, when such functions were clearly at odds with maximizing its efficiency and profits. So we decided that we had to set up the National Rivers Authority (NRA), keeping those regulatory functions in the public sector and under public control.

We led the field in this vital innovation. We have wide support, but the afterthought is that the industry could be left in public ownership now that its gamekeeping function is to be taken over by the NRA. The trouble is that leaving the commercial operation of water provision in the public sector effectively leaves the present anomalous situation unchanged.

It would still be the gamekeeper – the Government – which had responsibility for finding the money for the "poachers" to clean up the water environment (and we are talking about substantial sums of money). Any government is bound to take account of the financial consequences of its own regulatory standards.

This is all very well in times like this when the nation is prospering; we are currently investing in water heavily. But in less happy times, such as the late 1970s, when the International Monetary Fund was cutting back government spending, water industry investment was cut by half – not by lowering publicly the required standards, but by simply not producing the money. So the gamekeeper connived with the poacher to neglect investment.

The only way to deal with this problem is to separate ownership from regulation. That is what privatization will achieve. It is interesting that in the past private industry has been much more stringently controlled than the nationalized industries – interesting but not surprising.

In future the privatized companies will no longer have to wait their turn in a queue for capital investment inevitably headed by health, education and the like. For the first time they will have access to the capital markets for their investment needs. This will make it far easier to finance the heavy programme of work which is needed for environmental protection. It will also make it easier to spread such costs sensibly over time, rather than to have to raise most of the necessary resources year by year through increased charges. The consumer will therefore be better protected against sudden sharp increases in water charges, which might have proved necessary were the industry to remain in the public sector.

There are other powerful reasons why water privatization makes such good sense. The new companies will be required for the first time to draw up detailed plans for the management of their assets. And over a period of time the discipline of the private sector will ensure that those assets are managed much more efficiently.

The greater involvement and motivation of all employees through their ownership of shares will help to ensure this. Time after time privatization has shown what a transformation this can help bring about. There is no reason why these incentives should not have the same effect in the water industry as in others.

Of course, there has to be strict price regulation to prevent the exploitation of the water companies' inevitable monopoly position. That is why a director general of water services will be appointed to control the price of water to customers. Some people have suggested that dividend control would provide better protection for consumers than the price regime contained in the Water Bill. This argument is remarkably ill-timed: the private statutory water companies, now subject to precisely that regime, have just announced their intention to pre-empt price control with increases of as much as 50 per cent.

But there is another reason why public regulation of prices is the right way forward. The public will be presented with the results of higher quality and higher standards in the prices they are asked to pay. The river quality objectives will be decisions openly arrived at and endorsed by Parliament and the director general, who will be responsible for translating these decisions into the cost of water services.

This – not the Chancellor of the Exchequer – will make clear the trade-off between quality and cost. No longer will it be the covert, unregulated deal between industry and government on what can be afforded, as it always has been with the nationalized industries. Instead, Parliament will be invited to approve the standards, and the director general will have to provide for meeting the cost of achieving them in the price limits he will set.

The director general's job will certainly be difficult. He must analyse and justify allowable costs and investment requirements alongside an assessment of the efficiency of each company – what we call "comparative" competition. This has never been done before.

The new companies will not be allowed to load on to their customers the bill for inefficiency. Shareholders will benefit only if they are more efficient than their rivals. If they are not, it is their shareholders who will suffer. That is a fair and reasonable balance to strike. Regulation will apply only to the "core" businesses: the new companies will be able to develop their businesses through diversification in other areas, such as recreation and overseas contracts.

Despite strict regulation to protect the consumer and to ensure that environmental standards are met, the companies will be able to benefit in other ways. Freed from constraints on public sector capital spending, they will be able to borrow from the capital markets. Managers will be able to manage their businesses independently of artificial national structures of wage bargaining and the like.

Faced with these arguments, the critics now complain about the manner of privatization. It is even suggested that the Government dispossessed local councils of their water assets. Indeed in 1973 Parliament *did* dispossess them by statute – of the authorities' heavy debt burden and of the responsibility for meeting their huge need for capital investment.

Of course it is right that the taxpayers should benefit from the proceeds of the sale – they subscribed the investments of the past. The sale proceeds will be available, either to reduce the National Debt – which will save the taxpayer considerable sums in debt interest in the future – to increase spending on desirable public programmes or to reduce the burden of taxation.

And by selling shares to the public – including the customers and the employees of the water authorities – we will be giving the public the chance to participate as shareholders in the success of the new companies.

There is no inherent reason why the state should run any industry unless there is a clear public interest for it to do so. What is vital is that the state has the necessary powers of regulation. We have got this right with water, and I have no doubt that privatization will be good for the workers, good for consumers and good for the environment.

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Commentary • ANGELIKA VOLLE

# Kohl's nuclear squeeze

Bonn

When Mrs Thatcher meets Chancellor Kohl of West Germany today, a subject requiring delicate diplomacy is likely to be at the top of the agenda: the modernization of short-range nuclear weapons in Germany. If she fails to understand Kohl's domestic political difficulties, she risks intensifying Germany's current political instability.

The modernization issue is one that Kohl feels he cannot win. Not only are 63 per cent of German voters and the main opposition parties against it; so too is his own foreign minister, Hans-Dietrich Genscher of the Free Democrats. At the same time, Kohl is coming under pressure from his own right wing – and his party has lost ground to the extreme right in recent elections in Berlin.

Genscher is against modernization mainly because that is a popular stand to take. He needs to use his personality and "convictions" to keep the FDP jumping over the 5 per cent electoral hurdle it has to clear to win seats in the Bundestag. Yet small though Genscher's party is, it is vital to the survival of Kohl's coalition. So if Kohl decided to modernize, his government could fall.

Instead he has decided to procrastinate: there is no need for modernization now, he says. He hopes either that Gorbachov will propose a deal on short-range weapons that will make modernization unnecessary; or that, with no such deal, Kohl will be able to persuade the German public that modernization has to go ahead because Gorbachov cannot deliver.

Modernization now seems set to become a serious issue in next year's general election. But why are the Germans so worked up about it? The roots of the problem lie in the traumatic disputes over the deployment of American cruise and Pershing missiles in the early 1980s which led to the fall of Helmut Schmidt's SPD government and eroded the national consensus on security. It also led to a burgeoning of pressure groups, uniting anti-nuclear campaigners with the churches, the young, and ecology movements, including the Green party.

Many Germans, thinking of their extreme vulnerability in any East-West conflict, started to feel more threatened by these American weapons on their soil than by the Russian SS-20s pointing at them from the East. By December 1987, a poll found that 58 per cent of those asked disagreed that nuclear weapons were necessary for deterrence. Only 19 per cent agreed.

Against that background, it is easier to see why the changes in Soviet foreign policy instigated by Gorbachov found a willing audience in Germany. Television coverage had already made the younger generation, with no experience of the war, aware of the "ugly face" of the Americans over Vietnam, Watergate, the bombing of Libya and the Iran-Contra affair. The same generation started to become aware of the "good face" of the Soviet Union under Gorbachov.

When Gorbachov met Reagan in Reykjavik and the removal of medium-range missiles from German soil suddenly became a possibility, this was seen as a victory both for the peace movement and for Kohl. Then everything that the West had prophesied that the "evil empire" would not do, Gorbachov did:

> We demanded that the Soviet Union should leave Afghanistan. He has done so. We demanded that he should scrap the SS-20s and their smaller adjuncts. He did it. We demanded that such scrapping should be verified by intrusive on-site inspection. He agreed. We demanded that troop reductions in Europe should be asymmetrical. He has agreed to that as well. We demanded that the offensive deployment and training of Soviet forces in Eastern Europe should be abandoned for an overtly defensive posture. He has made his military re-examine their doctrine. What can one do with such a man?

The author of these words was no ardent Gorbachov-lover, like Hans-Dietrich Genscher, but Sir Michael Howard, Regius Professor of Modern History at Oxford University.

Since then, in his United Nations speech, Gorbachov has announced even bigger unilateral cuts in troops, tanks and his defence budget. Even Mrs Thatcher announced that she could "do business with him". In West Germany, the number perceiving a threat from the Soviet Union fell from 48 per cent in 1980 to 24 per cent in 1988. Meanwhile, 83 per cent of Germans trusted Gorbachov, a higher rating than they gave to either Reagan or Kohl.

Yet now, at a time of general disarmament, the allies are asking Bonn to modernize certain weapons, a request that is seen as tantamount to rearmament. Politicians stir up fears that the 88 modernized Lance short-range nuclear missiles will be based solely on German soil, and it will be on West and East German soil that they explode. So the Germans who are supposed to be defended by those missiles will be killed if they are ever used. Now that the medium-range missiles have been scrapped, the Germans feel more vulnerable to annihilation than any other European country.

Yet German politicians have been too cowardly actually to tell the public that a minimum nuclear deterrent is needed. Instead of concentrating on the *minimum*, they concentrated on the *nuclear*. They have not dared use the public's overwhelming enthusiasm for Nato to spell out the truth that we Germans cannot be security parasites or enjoy a free ride. We need to accept a minimum nuclear deterrent to fulfil our Nato obligations.

It is not too late for politicians to say this, but it becomes more and more difficult every day. And one attitude that certainly does not help Germany is bullying by the allies. This will only achieve the contrary.

Delicacy is not Mrs Thatcher's strong point. But she needs as much as she can muster when she meets Chancellor Kohl.

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*There was some justification for the leader, however fulsome its expression. There was also some truth in the two paragraphs on George III's sons, but it proved unwise to declare it: John Walter, founder-proprietor of the paper, was sued for libel by the Duke of York and was imprisoned in Newgate for a year, having been excused the added humiliation of standing in the pillory at Charing Cross.*

[REGENCY BILL]

In this Paper – and in this Paper only – it was announced with a degree of *certainty*, on Saturday last, *that in all probability some noble Lord or other in Office would rise in his place, and, after mentioning the state of the King's health, move that the* REGENCY BILL *should be* DEFERRED. The other Morning Prints contradicted this idea, and went so far as to declare, that the new Administration would be in office in the course of a week, and that there *must* be a REGENCY at all events. Let every reader now determine to which Paper they ought to give credit – to the TIMES, which, through the whole of this important and melancholy state of the Kingdom, has preserved its fidelity to its Sovereign, and its character for AUTHENTIC INFORMATION to the public – or to those low, scurrilous, misinformed Opposition Prints, which have perverted facts, stated falsehoods, and endeavoured to wean the affections of the people from his Majesty and his Ministers.

In point of *information*, and in point of *sound judgement*, WE stand foremost; – and, comparing our *speculative opinion* of the event of the Regency Bill, as inserted on the 14th, with the event itself, as pronounced by the Chancellor on the 19th; and contrasting it with the miserable trash in every other publication, THE TIMES is surely justified in pronouncing itself the best source of intelligence now printed.

Priding ourselves not a little on foreseeing and *pre-announcing* what would happen – and glorying in our stedfast and unshaken attachment to the best of Sovereigns, and that virtuous Ministry who saved his Crown from the rapacious hands of a desperate Party – we must entreat the public to take this proof of our past conduct, as a security for our future loyalty, assuring them that our endeavours shall be exerted to give the earliest information, afford the best entertainment, and preserve to this Paper that character of SUPERIORITY which we trust is now universally established.

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The Royal Dukes, and the leader of opposition in general, affect to join with the friends of our amiable Sovereign, in rejoicing on account of his Majesty's recovery. But the insincerity of their joy is visible. Their late unfeeling conduct will for ever tell against them; and contradict the artful professions they may think it prudent to make.

It argues infinite wisdom in certain persons, to have prevented the Duke of York from rushing into the King's apartment on Wednesday. The rashness, the Germanick severity, and insensibility of this young man, might have proved ruinous to the hopes and joys of a whole nation.

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# END TO DIPLOMACY

The Government's decision to withdraw its officials from Iran is overdue, insufficient, but a welcome symbol none the less. The regime in Tehran has made normal diplomatic relations impossible.

Those relations should have been ended as soon as the authority of the Ayatollah Khomeini's threat to Mr Salman Rushdie had been verified. For days the Foreign Office has mixed wishful thinking with an attitude of wait-and-see. Now, in bringing British diplomats home and requesting Iranian diplomats to leave Britain, it is, at last, on a stronger track.

This is the second time in less than two years that the Government has been forced to take such measures. After 12 months with no representative in Tehran, a new man was sent back late last year — and four others subsequently added to the mission. With the Gulf War apparently over and the Iranians anxious to resume contact with the West, Britain once more offered a tentative hand of friendship. It was extended too readily — and too far.

The first awful threat to the life of Mr Salman Rushdie, the author who has "offended" the world of Islam, was met with a call from Whitehall for "clarification". There followed, not clarification but confusion and a nasty smell of appeasement.

First came the oblique suggestion by the Iranian President that an apology from Mr Rushdie might save him from the mullahs' threats of death. Mr Rushdie obliged — understandably but unwisely. The Government cautiously "froze" its bilateral relationship. That reaction was unjustifiable.

The Foreign Office reasoned that Mr Rushdie's interests would best be served by retaining some contact with the Goverment in Tehran. Diplomats like to detail the fascinating conflicts in Iran — on the one side the religious fundamentalists, obsessed by the purity of their 10-year revolution, on the other, the pragmatists, strengthened by the Gulf Wara armistice and consequent moves to repair Iran's bridges to the West. There are other British nationals concerned too, including the imprisoned Mr Roger Cooper.

But it is the job of politicians to say when diplomatic interests stop and different national interests take over. A British citizen had been the subject of a murder contract from the leaders of a foreign power. At the beginning of yesterday, Britain appeared content with a milder response to this than even West Germany which, with commercial interests greater than our own, promptly called back its head of mission for "consultations".

By the end of the day, a degree of reality and proportion had been restored. The need for the toughest possible stance must surely have been clear to even the most enthusiastic diplomatist when the the Ayatollah Khomeini responded to British dithering and Mr Rushdie's apologies by urging the author to Hell. If anything does happen to him, it is the Iranian government that must be held to account.

# WANTED ABROAD

The revelation that Father Patrick Ryan, wanted by the British authorities to answer terrorism charges, has been travelling out of the Irish Republic is a timely reminder that this fiasco is not over. The essential purpose of the law enforcement effort in this case — to bring the charges to court in order to settle the matter one way or another — continues to be frustrated.

When Fr Ryan first landed in Ireland, after being rapidly passed on by the frightened Belgian authorities, his representatives suggested that he would stay in hiding while awaiting the decision of the Irish Government. "Hiding" now appears to include trips abroad, although his lawyer said at the weekend that he would most probably return to the Republic if the authorities wanted to see him. In this fashion, Fr Ryan presents himself in the most co-operative and law-abiding light.

But it raises the interesting question of why this titbit of information about foreign travel leaked out in the first place. It may have done so by accident; there is no legal restriction at all on Fr Ryan's freedom of movement. But it may have been more deliberate than that. Here was a signal from his supporters to the Irish authorities that if they do choose to try to make an arrest, they may not find it easy. The chance of more farcical, highly-publicized hide-and-seek are increased.

The papers on Fr Ryan are still awaiting a decision by the Irish Director of Public Prosecutions on whether it is feasible to lay charges and try him locally under the Criminal Law Jurisdiction Act. Even if that decision goes in favour of prosecution and even if that were successful — large assumptions — the whole sorry business illustrates a principle which cannot be neglected in reciprocal justice arrangements where terrorism is involved.

Jurisdictions aiming to exchange warrants or to exchange charges for trial *in situ* cannot afford more than the minimum delay. Terrorist suspects rarely wait peacefully while they could be leaving the jurisdiction altogether or erecting obstacles to capture or extradition. One of the unanswered objections to the recent revision of extradition procedure in the Republic is that it makes complication, delay and escape more likely.

There must be procedures for ensuring that rights are protected. Technical errors have certainly been committed on the British side in the past. It may be that an arrest warrant issued for Fr Ryan as soon as he arrived from Belgium would have been struck out by the courts.

But the way to test that question would have been to try an arrest. In doing so the Irish Government would have been giving practical expression to its professed willingness to help the pan-European battle against terrorism. As it is, the delays so far — not to mention the uncertain prospect of even arresting Fr Ryan — suggest a different response.

# NOT IN THE SENTENCE

In an outspoken article in *The Times* last September Judge Stephen Tumin, QC, the new Chief Inspector of Her Majesty's Prisons, described the old prison custom of "slopping out" as an humiliation. He has now devoted most of his latest report to this topic, explaining precisely what he meant.

His subject is not one to grace a dinner table. That may partly explain why it has been ignored so long. But it should not be possible, in any consideration of human rights in Britain, to neglect an ordeal for prisoners that is not specified by law, but inherited from an era when the humiliation of prisoners was a routine part of their treatment.

In the same *Times* article Judge Tumin reported that one of the most common items of expenditure of a prisoner's earnings was on cosmetics to overcome the smell of his cell. His report is even more explicit — a virtue in that no Government minister could read it with anything but shame.

Those prisoners confined in older jails are likely to find themselves locked up for long periods, two or three to a cell. With no access to sanitary facilities, each cell is provided with a pot or bucket instead.

Several times a day these articles are carried by the prisoners to the appointed sluices, and "slopped out". It is detested by prison officers and prison inmates alike. It is a filthy ritual that has no place in a civilized society. It is degrading: it is grossly unhygienic; it is a source of substantial disruption in the daily prison routine; and it offers opportunities for unpleasant mischief by prisoners bent on causing trouble.

According to Judge Tumin's report, published yesterday, it could be abolished completely for a relatively small outlay, over a relatively short period. Meanwhile in many prisons the prisoners have decided to abolish it for themselves in the only way they can, where they have access to convenient windows.

The Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, responded yesterday with a declaration of all the right intentions. He offered a seven-year programme to eliminate the necessity for slopping out from most but not quite all prisons under his jurisdiction.

It is a pity he was not able to announce the complete elimination of "slopping out". The purpose of imprisonment is the curtailment of liberty as a punishment. Once that has been ensured, further daily humiliations, imposed by prison conditions or prison officers with the best of intentions or otherwise, are not part of the sentence.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Driver training as key to safety

*From Sir Colin Buchanan*

Sir, Whichever way you look at it, the improvement of driver behaviour is the key to safety on the roads. There are two approaches. Mr Channon favours tougher penalties for bad behaviour. Well, that is bound to help, but history seems to show that tough punishment may deter an offender from offending again; but the prospect of such punishment is not always effective in turning a person away from crime in the first instance. I suspect this is particularly the case with motoring offences because so much bad behaviour can so easily be got away with.

So I would entreat Mr Channon to take the second approach as well, namely to improve drivers' behaviour by tougher education. The first step should be a thorough-going examination of the present system for driver training and licensing. The system has grown up over the decades in a haphazard way without, as far as I am aware, any comprehensive review in the public gaze of objectives and methods. Are we getting value for money out of it?

I do not question that the present system has resulted in there being a great deal of sheer manipulative driving skill around, though one result has been to increase speeds when the reverse would have been preferable. But more is required than skill — what is missing is teaching drivers to behave with a sense of social responsibility.

Let me give one example. Most of our roads are now carrying a horrible mixture of small cars and very large, heavy trucks. Many of the cars are being driven by people in that growing proportion of the population known as the elderlies. I am one of them, and I feel myself becoming allergic to the big trucks — beginning to feel terrified when a juggernaut driver, exercising his undoubted skills, nudges me on for miles, making me go faster than I need or want to go, and then swings out to overtake, clearing my car by inches.

Some would say I ought to give up driving. But why should I be hounded off the road? There are tens of thousands of people like me. Who teaches the juggernaut driver in a way he is able to understand that overtaking the car in front is one thing; that to do so with consideration is quite another?

Mr Channon would find it very rewarding to examine driver training. Catching drivers young would be the main benefit from an overhaul of the present system; but even the knowledge that a public investigation was under way would warn many an arrogant, self-centred, bloody-minded driver (males especially) that he was on trial.

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## Ministries and media

*From Sir Kenneth Lewis*

Sir, A new development seems to have taken place in Whitehall recently — ministers are put into difficulties by their own departments pushing hard on particular lines in sensitive areas.

It happened when Mrs Edwina Currie was undoubtedly encouraged to make over-strong comments on the presence in egg production of salmonella. This was obviously so when, on the same day, a whole battery of ministry advisers spoke very heavily in her favour. I always thought that only ministers were the public voices of ministries.

Now we have a scare created over listeria bacteria in cheese. The voice of the ministry on this issue was at Civil Service level. The Chief Medical Officer gave a television interview. Ministers at both health and agriculture were left to pick up the pieces, both at home and in the EEC. Result — a shambles of confusion both for Government and the consuming public. Ministries should be restrained by their political masters from exercising a media life of their own on policy matters.

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## By any other name

*From Mr Roger Sherrin*

Sir, Balloons are simply litter that initially moves upwards rather than downwards. How anyone can use them (report and photograph, February 14) to publicise a product (lead-free petrol) that is meant to improve the environment is beyond me.

Yours faithfully,
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## Poor outlook on legal education

*From Professor L. H. Leigh*

Sir, I am convener of one of the most prestigious law departments in the United Kingdom. Recently, this college advertised four lectureships in law, one of which was designated as intended for a candidate with interests in commercial law. Fewer very strong candidates applied than I had hoped for. The response on the part of two who made enquiries but did not apply may be of interest.

One was from a young woman with commercial law experience gained in practice. Her interest did not endure a perusal of university salary scales which, for lecturers on scale A, spans the range of £9,260 – £14,500, plus £1,650 London weighting.

Another was from a young solicitor whose husband is in low-paid public-service employment. Her motivation was such that I have no doubt that we should have received an application had not our salary scales been so low as to prevent that couple from continuing to meet their mortgage commitments on a modest flat.

Law is a dynamic discipline. New topics such as financial services emerge and others expand. Membership of the EEC has proven to be a fertile area of growth.

Britain's commercial and financial interests imperatively demand a legal profession educated in the new as well as the traditional heads of legal study. The new areas can be learned "in-house", but only in a relatively few firms. That knowledge needs to be much more widely diffused. The traditional tasks of the academic lawyer — to reduce subjects to order, to tease out their leading principles, to develop them, and to pass that knowledge on, will become impossible.

If the universities are disabled from pursuing knowledge in their distinctive way the country will suffer. Other countries will benefit. Our strength in invisibles will decline. City firms see this and have helped the universities, but the claimants are many and the task of funding remains primarily for the State. Will her Majesty's Government please note that it ought not to shuffle off all its responsibilities?

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*From Professor L. Neville Brown*

Sir, The reconstituted Advisory Committee on Legal Education and Conduct is to have a lay majority (eight to seven) in order, we are told in the Green Paper, to reflect its new role in ensuring the supply of legal services of quality to the public and in maintaining the standards of conduct expected of practitioners.

As a law teacher (and solicitor) who sat for several years on the present Advisory Committee on Legal Education, I do not believe a lay-dominated body appropriate to deal with issues of legal education. A lay presence may well be necessary if the same committee is also to deal with conduct (which I question), but again, why must there be a lay *majority?* The Green Paper treats the point as self-evident, but presents no arguments.

Is it to end that self-regulation which has been the hallmark of the legal profession hitherto? Is it a concession to popular prejudice ("First . . . let's kill all the lawyers")? Is it because lawyers provide a public service? But so, too, do surgeons — or airline pilots; would public confidence in such professionals be enhanced by knowing their training might have been effectively determined by lay persons?

These (and many others) may be questions to put to the Lord Chancellor at *The Times* legal forum on March 15.

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## A bar to practice

*From Mr John de Meyrick*

Sir, I read in the Australian press that the British Government is contemplating significant changes to legal practice in Britain. May I caution against the moves that I understand are being considered.

With the growing cost of litigation we, too, have found the need to consider changes to legal practice. Some have been tried and failed. Others have had mixed success. Costs have not gone down. Efficiency in legal process has not really improved.

Several of our states have merged the roles of barristers and solicitors, yet the division in practice remains largely the same. The reason is simply that it is a sensible and convenient division of labour.

In New South Wales, where the division still exists, solicitors can conduct cases nevertheless in all courts, if they prefer, but few do (except in the magistrate courts, where they more often than not appear in short matters). Further, most judges do not now insist on there being a solicitor in attendance with a barrister, provided contact can be made quickly should urgent instructions become necessary. Nor is it necessary always to have a junior counsel where a senior is briefed, or for a junior always to charge two thirds of the senior's fee.

The appointment of solicitors as judges has been tried, but without much success. We have not tried contingency fees (as yet). We have tried non-lawyer conveyancing, which seems to have generated a new and burgeoning field of litigation arising from the problems created by amateur conveyancers.

We have even tried abolishing the wearing of wigs and gowns. This was tried in our national Family Court when it was established in 1976, but after years of threats to judges and practitioners (including the shooting of one judge and the bombing of another's home, killing his wife) wigs and gowns are now back in vogue in that court, in order to distance the court from those whom it serves.

If there is a way to make the legal system cheaper and more efficient then look to it, but be careful. You may save nothing and lose your standards.

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## Clearing forests

*From Professor Norman Myers*

Sir, The Food and Agriculture Organization's figure of 12 million hectares of tropical deforestation per year in the late 1970s (quoted in your letters of January 30 and February 8) refers both to closed moist forests (7.6 million) and open drier woodlands (4.4 million). In terms of timber stocks and watershed services, the closed forests are much more important; and in 6 per cent of Earth's land surface they contain at least 70 per cent of all species.

Mr Strickland (February 8) remarks that of tropical forests cleared every year, perhaps only 1 per cent will be "virgin jungle". The FAO postulates that a large though undetermined amount is virgin — i.e., the richest type of forest; and my own report, prepared for the US National Academy of Sciences and published in 1980 (broadly supported by the later FAO findings) asserts that at least half of deforestation affects primary or undisturbed forest.

I also found that, contrary again to Mr Strickland, slash-and-burn agriculture generally does not leave deforested land fallow for enough years to allow forest to regenerate. Under the recent pressure of the shifted cultivator — the improverished peasant who finds himself landless in traditional farming areas and feels impelled toward the forests with machete and matchbox — the cleared lands get virtually no chance to recover. The numbers of these shifted cultivators, who already total several hundreds of millions, are growing at rates between 5 and 16 per cent per year.

It is the shifted cultivator who is far and away the chief cause of present deforestation. Not only is he accounting for most of the 10 million hectares of forests now destroyed each year, but he is grossly disrupting another 10 million hectares, out of the 800 million hectares of forest remaining. So 1.25 per cent of the forests are being eliminated altogether each year, and another 1.25 per cent are being reduced to a travesty of tropical forest as properly understood.

Moreover, these are *minimum* estimates, and of mid-1980s vintage. According to remote-sensing surveys (as systematized and comprehensive a form of documentation as one could wish for), in 1987 at least eight million hectares of primary forest were burned in southern Amazonia alone, and even more in 1988.

Yours truly,
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## Malta's heritage

*From Dr E. A. Mallia*

Sir, Dr R. Whitehouse (January 31) and Mr J. Switzer (February 6) have drawn attention to the serious threat to the island of Gozo stemming from projected tourist developments. Both correspondents stressed the archaeological and ecological value of the area known as Ta' Cenc.

It is one of the largest stretches of wilderness left in the Maltese islands. Along its edges there are substantial slices of arable land, which will also be destroyed — at a time when Government is trying to persuade more people to take up farming full-time. Provision of building materials will call for greatly increased output from the hard and soft-stone quarries which already blight the Gozo landscape.

The number of beds at Ta' Cenc (6,500) will be equivalent to more than a quarter of the total population of Gozo (23,000); if other schemes are included, then that fraction climbs to more than one third. The impact of such numbers on services and on the people of Gozo can easily be imagined. Ludicrously low estimates for existing tourist beds reflect little more than the local habit of evading payment of licence fees by not registering tourist accommodation.

The people behind Ta' Cenc obtained planning procedures by presenting the plans directly to the Prime Minister when he was visiting Gozo. Coincidentally, temporary guidelines for building development, recently issued by the Minister for Development of the Infrastructure, did not include Gozo.

If these projected developments come about, Gozo may well suffer the same fate as similarly-sized islands in the Caribbean. Gozo is still unspoilt, but can remain so only with limited and sensitive development. It rests with us all who have an interest in the place and its people to insist with the authorities here that only that type of development take place.

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## Profitable use of countryside

*From Mr W. G. White*

Sir, The President of the Country Landowners Association (February 14) has mentioned paying for access to the countryside. I think it very likely that in the future a discerning public would be prepared to pay to enjoy such experiences as might be offered by the practice of traditional country crafts, such as the opportunity to cut and gather hay or to follow a horse-drawn plough, or spend time cutting and laying a hedge with appropriate supervision and instruction.

I myself recently derived much pleasure from shaping and fitting a handle for an axe from a suitable piece of wood taken from the hedgerow, just as my grandfather had used to do half a century ago. Of course it would have been easier to purchase a ready-made item, but much less fun.

Such "life-enhancing" experiences, coupled with the provision of suitable accommodation and refreshment, could provide a new source of income for many landowners and many new job opportunities in the countryside.

Yours faithfully,
W. G. WHITE,
Stour House, West Winch,
King's Lynn, Norfolk.
February 16.

*From the Director of the Ramblers' Association*

Sir, In his letter of February 14 on payments for footpaths the President of the Country Landowners Association, Mr Gordon Lee-Steere, asks why landowners "should not contract with the highway authority to maintain footpaths and bridleways".

There is no reason in principle why this cannot be done. Indeed the arrangements would probably have started months ago if the Ministry of Agriculture had not rejected proposals from the Countryside Commission to set up joint experiments into such a scheme. Perhaps the CLA could use its undoubted influence with the ministry to get something moving quickly.

As for Mr Lee-Steere's "pay-paths", these are unlikely ever to be sufficiently numerous to meet more than a fraction of the public demand for access to the countryside. They are at best a distraction from the main task of opening up all *public* rights of way and at worst a means of closing off the countryside to those on low incomes who simply cannot afford to pay for access.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN MATTINGLY, Director,
The Ramblers' Association,
1/5 Wandsworth Road, SW8.

## Water quality

*From the Chief Executive and Secretary of the Institute of Plumbing*

Sir, The recent Government proposals to safeguard water quality (report, February 11) are welcome. Understandably, they concentrate on the quality of water supplied from the reservoir to the home, office, hospital, factory, or wherever. Our prime concern is with the quality of water *once it is delivered.* This is especially so as water by-laws (which specify the minimum technical requirements to prevent contamination, waste, and misuse of water) are largely unenforceable.

Unlike most other countries we fail to recognise the importance of plumbers' competence in the enforcement process. We therefore allow water of high quality (even higher under the EEC Drinking Water Directive) to be rendered either unpleasant or unfit for human consumption through the incompetence and/or ignorance of plumbing installers. Their actions can also affect inhabitants of other buildings through contaminated water being siphoned back into the mains supply.

Ministers, Civil Servants, and water officials are aware of the risks. Do we have to have a contamination incident attributed to bad plumbing to galvanise them into action?

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW WATTS,
Chief Executive and Secretary,
The Institute of Plumbing,
64 Station Lane,
Hornchurch, Essex.
February 16.

## A taxing matter

*From Dr John Penman*

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Have I done right?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PENMAN,
Forest View,
Chute,
Nr Andover, Hampshire.
February 15.

## Islam in Cyprus

*From Mr A. G. Mitsides*

Sir, While endorsing Mr Om Midha's remarks (February 17) about the need to ensure the protection of democratic freedoms against religious fanaticism, may I suggest he is not entirely right to include Cyprus as "another example of a rift rooted in religious differences".

Christianity and Islam co-existed throughout the island in peace and mutual esteem for centuries. In towns and villages the belfry of the church and the minaret of the mosque stood aloft, only a short distance between them, each calling appropriately the faithful to prayer.

The Cyprus crisis stems from foreign interference — it is a problem of invasion and occupation by foreign troops. It has nothing to do with religion or religious zealotry.

Yours faithfully,
A. G. MITSIDES,
70 Cissbury Ring South,
Woodside Park, N12.

## Thoughts of war

*From Mr Christopher Apps*

Sir, In 1940 a number of pillboxes of brick and concrete construction with embrasures were erected as part of our defences in the event of an invasion, many of which survive to this day, especially in the South-east, and in this part.

On their fiftieth anniversary next year would it be possible for English Heritage, or another authority, to erect plaques on those which are readily accessible, giving details of the date of their construction and a brief explanation of their role in the overall line of defence at that time?

As we preserve the Martello towers on this coast, which were built as part of our defences against an earlier threat of invasion in Napoleonic times, so these pillboxes are part of our history and subject of interest.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER APPS,
The Old Granary, High Street,
Barcombe Cross,
Near Lewes, East Sussex.
February 15.

## Initial diagnosis

*From Mrs Lisa Mindel*

Sir, Your correspondent, John D. im Thurn (February 13) would have been really alarmed had he read on his hospital notes the diagnosis GOK (God only knows) followed by treatment WOOS (work out own salvation).

These abbreviations were used when I was a physiotherapy student at a major London hospital over 30 years ago and are probably still in use.

Yours faithfully,
LISA MINDEL,
30 Aubrey Walk,
Kensington, W8.

## Pedigree cheese

*From Professor Douglas Johnson*

Sir, It will be most interesting if there should be a Camembert war with France in the year which marks the bicentenary of the French Revolution. There was, in the 1950s, a Camembert skirmish amongst historians when it was pointed out that Marie Harel, honoured in the village of Camembert as the inventor of their famous product, was born in 1761 and that there was evidence that the cheese existed as early as 1708. It was also claimed that no one called Marie Harel was included amongst the past inhabitants of Camembert.

It was subsequently accepted that, whilst she was not the creator of Camembert, she had perfected the process of its production, thanks to the expertise of a non-juror priest who had taken refuge in her house during the Revolution. This house was in Normandy, near to Camembert.

Are we to suppose that, in 1989, the French Government will support the invention of a refractory and counter-revolutionary priest, whilst the British Government will ban this product of the Ancien Régime? Historians of ideas and ideologies await events with concern.

Yours truly,
DOUGLAS JOHNSON,
University College London,
Gower Street, WC1.

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# COURT AND SOCIAL

## COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

February 20: The Duchess of York, Patron, this morning attended the Patrizia Wigan Fashion Show in aid of the Chemical Dependency Centre at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2.

Her Royal Highness was received on arival by Mrs Patrizia Wigan and Mr Tristan Millington-Drake (Executive Director of the Chemical Dependency Centre).

Mrs John Floyd and Captain William McLean were in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this afternoon visited IMBEX at Olympia and was received on arrival by the Mayor of Hammersmith and Fulham (Councillor Joseph Mirwitch).

Her Royal Highness this evening attended a reception at the Mansion House in support of the 1996 Manchester Olympic Bid and was received by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir Christopher Collett).

The Countess of Lichfield was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

*February 20: The Princess of* Wales, Patron, British Sports Association for the Disabled, attended a media symposium held by the charity at Claridge's, Brook Street, W1.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson RN were in attendance.

## Today's royal engagement

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

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Lady Mary Gaye Bonas gave birth to a daughter, Cressida, on Saturday, February 18.

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**The Rt Rev R.P.C. Hanson**
A Memorial Service for the Rt Rev Emeritus Professor Richard Hanson, DD, MRIA, FBA, will be held on Friday, March 17, 1989, at 4 pm in Manchester Cathedral.

**Major Newell, OBE**
A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Dare Newell will be held at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London, SW1, at 12 noon on Thursday, March 2, 1989.

**Helen Read**
A commemorative tribute to the life and work of Helen Read, OBE, will take place on Saturday, March 18, at 4.45 pm in the Chelsfield Room, preceded by an Ernest Read Concert for Children dedicated to Helen Read, in the Royal Festival Hall at 3.15 pm. Admission by invitation. Please apply to Ernest Read Music Association, 9 Cotsford Avenue, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 5EU (Tel: 01-942 0318).

## Senior forces appointment

General Sir Brian Kenny to be Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe in December, in succesion to General Sir John Akehurst.

Lieutenant General Sir Peter Inge to be Commander in Chief British Army of the Rhine and Commander Northern Army Group, in the rank of general, in November in succession to General Sir Brian Kenny.

# Fabergé egg may make £600,000

SALEROOM

By Sarah Jane Checkland
*Art Market Correspondent*

One egg not likely to be *rejected by a market unnerved* by salmonella, is a rare, ornate example fashioned in the workshop of the Imperial Russian craftsman, Fabergé.

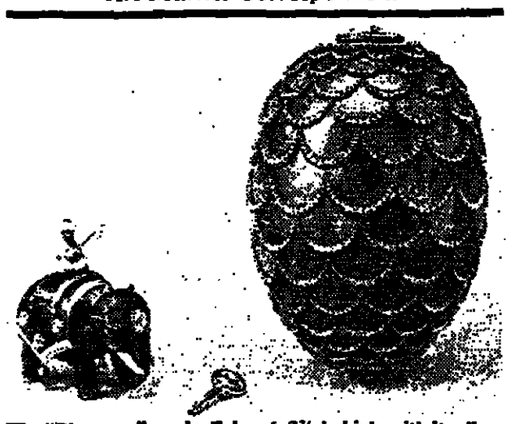
It is the first such egg to appear on the market since Sotheby's sold one for $1.6 *million in 1985, and, as the* highlight of Christie's Geneva sale on May 10, it is estimated to sell at up to Sfr. 1.5 million (£600,000).

The egg, known as the "Pine-cone" because of its diamond crescent decorations, is enamelled a translucent royal blue. It was made by the chief craftsman in Fabergé's workshop, Michael Perchin.

Inside the egg is a little elephant, complete with ivory tusks, on top of which perches a tiny mahout, or driver, on a jewelled saddle cloth. When wound with its original gold key (supplied), the elephant lumbers forward, swaying its head and swishing its tail amicably.

One of the first automata produced in Carl Fabergé's workshops, it is one of only *five known to exist. An almost* identical example is in The Queen's collection.

Until 1979 it was thought to be one of 56 eggs delivered from 1885 to 1916 to the Tsars Alexander III and Nicholas II by Fabergé . Now it has been confirmed that it was commissioned by the shipping magnate and patron Alexander Ferdinandovich Kelch, as a gift to his wife Barbara in 1900. Likely buyers include Malcolm Forbes, the magazine tycoon and avid collector.



**The "Pine-cone" egg by Fabergé, 3¾ in high, with its silver and enamel automaton elephant, and tiny mahout.**

A $37 million dispute concerning Christie's New York and a "bad" Fabergé egg, has benn settled amicably out of court. The suit was filed in 1986 by Eskander Aryeh, an Iranian collector, who complained that, after he had paid $250,000 for the egg in 1977, the auction house refused to resell it for him in 1985 with *the same attribution..*

Christie's said that the *London expert it relied on to* verify genuine Fabergé eggs, had changed his opinion. Before the settlement, Alfred Fabricant, the collector's New York lawyer, said his client was seeking the amount paid for the egg in 1977 plus attorney's fees and interest, so it is assumed that was the settlement.

Meanwhile another case concerning the attribution of three Russian icons also sold at Christie's New York, rumbles on, as experts in London fail to agree.

This began in 1980 when the Swiss company, Inter-Vital AG, paid $62,000 for three paintings described in the catalogue as genuine Russian icons. The buyer became convinced that none was authentic, and sued the auction house. Later, in December *1987*, when the icons were transported to London for assessment by Christie's experts, the amount was reduced to the original price plus damages.

"The icons are still on our premises", Miss Alice Ilich, head of Christie's Russian department, said yesterday. "There are so many different opinions, and at the moment we have no confidence either way". The problem, she says, is the existence of extensive restoration and dark varnish. "Everyone keeps arguing".

● A high voltage electric train set banned from sale 63 years ago as a danger to children is expected to fetch up to £1,000 at an auction in Tavistock, Devon, today. The rare 90-volt Hornby Metropolitan was one of the first British toys to be withdrawn on safety grounds.

## Bridge

The English Bridge Union spring foursomes, played during the weekend in Eastbourne and Leeds reached the semi-final stage in the main event, Provost *Cup on Sunday night.*

In the southern section yesterday's semi-finals were: B J Ridal, P Czerniewski, J F Pottage, R J Fleet (undefeated) v D J Smerdon, A J Waterlow, J Sadler, J Albuquerque, T Ward, P Bailey. Mrs S Landy, C J Elliott, T E D Quibell, P Poulter v D G W Price, D A L Burn, J L Reardon, Dr J R A Butland.

Other results:

Swiss team: 1st: D Parry, R O'Reilly, R J Rowlands, D Carlisle — 157.5 vps; 2nd: G Reynolds, M Fletcher, J Gair, B Ransley — 152.2 vps; 3rd: Dr A D Clark, S W Burton, A M G Thompson, C Evans, K E Loveys — 143 vps.

Punch Bowl: 1st: R J Marks, K Khdair, C Spencer, J Barker; 2nd: D Harris, J Williams, C N Smith, Mrs R Bavin; 3rd: P Scull, M J Ladbrook, M & S Pollak.

North: In the northern section in Leeds the semi-finals were: D J Banks, S Eginton, J Holland, B L Ewart v M Allen, S Green, R Bryant, B P Topley; G T Kirby, J M Armstrong, Mrs S Horton, S J Lodge, K R Forrester v B Spears, J McMenemy, W Innes, P Steel.

## Dinners

**European-Atlantic Group**
Sir Frank Roberts presided at a dinner-discussion given by the European-Atlantic Group last night at St Ermin's Hotel. Sir Bryan Cartledge was the principal speaker. The Earl of Bessborough and Sir Fitzroy Maclean also spoke.

**Cardiff Business Club**
The High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Mr Dudley Fisher, *the Deputy Lord Mayor of* Cardiff, Councillor F.J. Smith and Sir Cennydd Traherne, *President, Cardiff Business* Club, were present at a dinner at South Glamorgan County Hall, Cardiff, last night when the Guest Speaker was the Rt Hon John Smith, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer. County Councillor William P. Kitson, Chairman of South Glamorgan County Council, presided.

SCIENCE REPORT

# Taking the tears out of curry

*An antidote may soon be* available for "spicy-food sniffles", the runny nose, watering eyes and flushed face many people get when eating Indian curries or Chinese hot-and-sour soup.

Researchers at the US National Institute of Health have found a drug which blocks the physiological response some people have to highly-seasoned foods. Curry-lovers may soon be able to use a nose spray containing the drug, and leave their handkerchiefs in their pockets.

Gordon Raphael and his colleagues began studying the phenomenon because Raphael himself suffers from the syndrome, which he has given the clinical name "gustatory rhinitis".

Every time he eats hot-and-sour soup, Raphael says, "my nose drips like a tap". Informal surveys of his family and friends revealed that he wasn't alone, so he decided to undertake a more scientific study. His group's results have been published in the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology.*

Raphael was intrigued to find that people like him can have no food allergies but nevertheless get a runny nose from eating certain foods.

True allergic reactions include itching, sneezing, and rashes, caused by the release into the bloodstream of histamine from specialized cells in the mucous membranes of the nose. But the food-induced reaction had none of these symptoms, prompting Raphael to test whether a nervous reflex, triggered by the taste mechanism, was the cause.

Raphael gave a questionnaire listing more than a hundred different foods to 60 adults, and asked them to rate how frequently each food made their noses run. As he predicted, items such as hot chili peppers, horseradish, Tabasco sauce and hot-and-sour soup received the highest scores.

He next selected 12 volunteers without food allergies who reported that at least one food gave them a runny nose. He fed them innocuous foods such as crackers, potato crisps and pretzels, and then several of the spicy foods.

All their noses ran when they ate the spicier foods, but not when they ate the bland foods. No histamine was found in an analysis of their nasal secretions, further ruling out an allergic cause.

Raphael then gave seven of the subjects nose drops containing a drug named atropine, which blocks the transmission of some signals of the nervous system. When they ate the same spicy foods for a second time, none of them developed a runny nose.

Raphael hypothesizes that there are chemical receptors in the mouth and nose that react to some unidentified substance common to spicy foods. This substance causes the receptors to trigger a reflex response through the spinal cord, which leads to the tearful eyes, runny nose, perspiration and facial flushing.

A similar explanation may account for the runny nose brought on by exercise, and by exposure to cold, bright light and strong scents.

The company that makes atroprine, Muro Pharmaceutical of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, is seeking government approval to sell the drug as a nasal nostrum for people with constant runny noses that can't be attributed to allergies or a cold, and to people with occasional, annoying runny noses.

As Raphael says, soon those with a penchant for peppers will be able to indulge to their hearts and their noses' content — without having tocarry around a box of tissues.

**Carol Ezzell**

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## Birthdays today

Mr Humphry Berkeley, writer and broadcaster, 63; Mr John Bourn, Comptroller and Auditor General, 55; Professor Ruth Bowden, anatomist, 74; Mrs Jilly Cooper, author, 52; Sir Colville Deverell, former governor, Mauritius, 82; Professor Patrick Duff, former professor of Civil Law, 88; Mr Leslie Durbin, silversmith, 76; Dame Janet Fookes, MP, 53; Mr Carron Greig, former chairman, Baltic Exchange, 64; Dr H. MacL. Havergal, former principal, Royal Scottish Academy of Music, 87; Sir Conrad Heron, civil servant, 73; Sir Reginald Hibbert, diplomat, 67; Sir John McGregor Hill, former chairman, British Nuclear Fuels, 68; Lord Hunter, 76; Mr Peter McEnery, actor, 49; Mr Robert Mugabe, Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, 65; Professor Sir Rupert Myers, former vice-chancellor, University of New South Wales, 68; Sir Alan Orr, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 78; Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, 68; Lieutenant-General Sir John Richards, Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, 62; Professor F.W. Rimmer, former professor of Music, 75; Sir Rex Surridge, former colonial administrator, 90; Mr Richard Turner-Warwick, urologist, 64; Mr David Wood, actor and playwright, 45.

# Forthcoming marriages

**Mr D.B. Bailey**
**and Miss C. Robinson**
The engagement is announced between Dennis, son of the late Mr and Mrs John Bailey, and Charlotte, only daughter of Mrs Tom Robinson and the late Mr Tom Robinson, of Stamfords Farm, Latchingdon, Essex.

**Mr J.C. Bailey**
**and Miss D.L. Miller**
The engagement is announced between John Christopher Bailey, son of Mr and Mrs P.H. Bailey, of Bishops Waltham, Hampshire, and Deirdre Lorraine Miller, second daughter of Dr and Mrs A.L. Miller, of Epsom, Surrey.

**Mr W.E. Blamey**
**and Miss M.H. Estlick**
The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.J. Blamey, of Hooklands, Middle Woodford, Wiltshire, and Marian, younger daughter of Major and Mrs N.J.L. Estlick, of Keat House, Amesbury, Wiltshire.

**Mr A.E. Campbell-Harris**
**and Miss V. Lund**
The engagement is announced between Edward, younger son of the late Mr David Campbell-Harris and of Mrs David Campbell-Harris, of Cadenabbia, Lake Como, Italy, and Virginia, younger daughter of Mr David Lund, of Belgravia, and Mrs Jacqueline Lund, of Knightsbridge.

**Mr S.F.A. Crome**
**and Miss N.A. Lawrence**
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the late Mr F.E. Crome and of Mrs Crome, of Chelsea, London, and Nicola, daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs R.St C. Lawrence, of Little Common, Sussex.

**Mr J.W. Dettmer**
**and Miss C.S. Rogers**
The engagement is announced between Jamie William, only son of Mr and Mrs C.H. Dettmer, of Epsom, Surrey and Seavington St Mary, Somerset, and Sophie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.P.H. Rogers, of Stockleigh Pomeroy, Devon.

**Mr N. Dimitrov**
**and Miss N.L. Krause**
The engagement is announced between Niko, son of Professor and Mrs Nikola Dimitrov, of Baden Baden, West Germany, and Nicky, daughter of Mr Manfred Krause, of Manila, Philippines, and Mrs Jean Krause, of Audlem, Cheshire.

**Mr C.R.G. Human**
**and Miss C.S. Marchessini**
The engagement is announced between Charles Robin Graham, son of Mr and Mrs H.R.J. Human, of Boxted, Essex, and Cassandra Sophia, second daughter of Mr D.P. Marchessini, of London, SW1, and Mrs N.J. Peto, of Dean, Oxfordshire.

**Mr G.C. Love**
**and Miss R.M. Green**
The engagement is announced between Graeme, youngest son of Mr and Mrs James Love, of Belfast, Co Down, and Rosemary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Green, of Wadhurst, East Sussex.

**Lieutenant P.E. Smith, RN**
**and Miss M.R. Stidham**
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs P. Smith, of Southsea, Hampshire, and Michelle, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Stidham, of Tennessee, USA.

**Mr M.J.A. Tuthill**
**and Miss C.J. Hollander**
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and Mrs A.P. Tuthill, of Pyrford, Surrey, and Carolyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R. Hollander, of Godalming, Surrey.

**Mr F.M. Wilson**
**and Miss L.J. Hooley**
The engagement is announced between Fergus, only son of Professor and Mrs E.M. Wilson, of Bramhall, Cheshire, and Lindsay, younger daughter of Mr E. Hooley, of Drury, Clywd, and Mrs M. Hooley, of Davenport, Stockport.

**Dr A.C. Wotherspoon**
**and Miss C. Batchelor**
The engagement is announced between Andrew Charles, second son of Dr and Mrs J.G. Wotherspoon, of Purbrook, Hampshire, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.M. Batchelor, of Ampthill, Bedfordshire.

# OBITUARIES

## SIR ALEC MERRISON

### Nuclear physicist who became Vice-Chancellor at Bristol



Sir Alec Merrison, FRS, who died on February 19 at the age of 64, was Vice-Chancellor of Bristol University from 1969 to 1984 and in the late 1970s chaired a Royal Commission on the National Health Service, which conducted the first comprehensive inquiry into the service since it was set up in 1948.

Alexander Walter Merrison was born on March 20, 1924, and was educated at Enfield Grammar School and King's College, London, where he graduated with a BSc degree in 1944. He was awarded his PhD in 1957.

He began his career researching radio wave propagation as an experimental officer at the Signals Research and Development Establishment at Christchurch. He went on to do research in reactor and nuclear physics as a senior scientific officer at Harwell from 1946 to 1951.

As Leverhulme Fellow and Lecturer at Liverpool University from 1951 to 1957 he was engaged in research into elementary particle physics. He then spent three years with the European Organization for Nuclear Research in Geneva, after which he returned to Liverpool as Professor of Experimental Physics. From 1962 to 1969 he was director of the Daresbury Nuclear Physics Laboratory of the Science Research Council.

Merrison was called upon to chair a number of inquiries. From 1970 to 1973 he presided over a committee of inquiry into the design and erection of steel box girder bridges and, from 1972 to 1975, over an inquiry into the regulation of the medical profession which proposed reform of the General Medical Council.

Then, in 1976, he was appointed chairman of the Royal Commission into the NHS, which was set up by the Wilson Labour Government against a background of increasing dissatisfaction by doctors and consultants and controversy about private beds in NHS hospitals. After its wide ranging inquiry the Commission concluded that the NHS was neither on the point of collapse nor the envy of the world; but that it did contain much of which to be proud.

By the time its report was issued three years later there had been a change of Government and while some of its proposals, such as the improvement of morale by devolving more responsibility to the local level, were welcomed other major suggestions such as the abolition of prescription charges and the continued phasing out of pay beds proved less popular to the new Conservative administration.

Merrison was from 1978 to 1983 chairman of the Government's Advisory Board for the Research Councils, which expressed concern at the severity of Government cuts in scientific research in a report in 1982.

As chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals from 1979 to 1981 he was also critical of the implications for universities of Government cuts in public expenditure. He ran into trouble on this subject in his own university in 1981 when a package of selective cuts he suggested was rejected by the Senate in favour of a less extreme alternative.

Merrison was elected FRS in 1969 and was knighted in 1976.

He served the University of Bristol over a long period — he was its Vice-Chancellor for 15 years — and took a keen interest in the affairs of the city: he was a governor of the Bristol Old Vic Trust for 18 years and chairman for 16 years, and was a director of a number of local concerns, including the Bristol Evening Post, Bristol Waterworks Company, Western Provident Association and the regional board of Lloyds Bank.

His first wife, by whom he had two sons, died in 1968. He is survived by his second wife, Maureen, and a son and a daughter.

## RICHMOND CRINKLEY

### American producer behind The Elephant Man

Richmond Crinkley, the American theatre producer and impresario, died on January 29 in Virginia, at the age of 49, after a brief but courageous battle with bone cancer.

Professionally, Crinkley will perhaps be best remembered as the producer who first staged *The Elephant Man*, an unpredictably large international success on stage and later filmed by David Lynch, though it was but one of many such plays he discovered and championed both on and off-Broadway. Privately, he will live on in many hearts as the most inspiring of patrons and generous of friends.

Born in Blackstone, Virginia, Richmond Dillard Crinkley was a distinguished postgraduate of the University of Virginia when a Fulbright Fellowship brought him to Oxford, where he made many lasting friendships. One such was with the Anthony Holden, whose translation of Euripides's *The Bacchae* he staged at the Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington DC, where he was director of programmes, in 1969. The Crinkley-Holden *Bacchae* later became an off-Broadway rock musical produced by his friend and rival Joseph Papp.

Crinkley's creative energy at the Folger caught the notice of Roger L. Stevens, who hired him to enliven Washington's moribund theatrical scene as assistant director at the John F. Kennedy Center. In 1976 Crinkley moved to New York as director of the American National Theatre. Here, besides *Elephant Man* (which won him a 1979 Tony Award), he staged several Broadway hits, produced television drama for the ABC network, and became a respected force in the field of Shakespeare studies.

Appointed executive director of the Vivian Beaumont Theatre at Lincoln Center in 1979, Crinkley soon caused controversy with productions of *Macbeth*, *The Philadelphia Story* and a new Woody Allen play, *The Floating Lightbulb*. Greater controversy was to follow, as the theatre closed for five years while he engaged its board in a protracted policy dispute. Crinkley would call the affair, one of New York's longest-running society topics of the Eighties, his "little comic opera".

Finally ousted in 1984, he established his own production company, Cerberus, which championed upmarket film and TV drama, its many ambitious plans have, alas, died with him. Crinkley's death also deprives the Kennedy Center and the National Society of Arts and Letters of a valued trustee, and *Newsday* of a pugnacious columnist at work on a book, *Metroself*, which would have unsettled many a contemporary ego.

A lifelong Anglophile, Crinkley moved with accomplished ease through trans-Atlantic circles, theatrical and artistic. That a man so full of life should so suddenly be deprived of it will long haunt the many colleagues and friends whose lives he so originally and unselfishly enriched.

## HUGH GARDNER

### Strides in British diesel engine development

Hugh Gardner, who has died at the age of 84, played an important role in the development of the diesel engine firm, Gardner & Sons, and was personally responsible for some of its most advanced engines.

After being educated at Manchester Grammar and Salford Technical College his robust, no-nonsense Northern mechanical and business acumen saw him making a positive contribution to the family firm's products soon after he joined it.

In the 1920s he was developing a Compression Ignition Engine which, though it was originally intended for boats, was snapped up by a bus operator, thus initiating the Gardner firm's great breakthrough into power units for buses, rail cars and trucks.

Next he fitted a diesel engine into a 1925 Bentley, which became the first diesel-engined car to compete — and finish — in the Monte Carlo Rally. In spite of his success with CIEs in a variety of cars, including Lagondas and Jaguars, the diesel did not win general acceptance as a car engine in this country until comparatively recently, not withstanding its cheaper fuel and lack of a troublesome electrical ignition system.

Long before this, a host of commercial vehicles, Foden, Guy and Albion, to name but a few, were being powered by Gardner diesels.

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He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

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"Dixie" Deans died on February 18, and not on September 18 as reported in our obituary (February 20).

## Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Henry Newman, cardinal, London, 1801; Léo Delibes, composer, St Germain du Val, 1836; August von Wasserman, bacteriologist, Bamberg, Germany, 1866; Constantin Brancusi, sculptor, Hobita, Romania, 1876; George Lansbury, leader of the Labour Party 1931-35, near Lowestoft, 1859; W H Auden, York, 1907.
DEATHS: Baruch Spinoza, philosopher, The Hague, 1677; Jethro Tull, agricultural writer, Hungerford, Berkshire, 1741; John Charles Rossi, sculptor, London, 1839; Sir Frederick Banting, surgeon, killed in an air crash, Newfoundland, 1941; Malcolm Little ("Malcolm X"), American Muslim leader, murdered, New York, 1965.

## Gray's Inn

Kenneth Clarke, QC, MP, has been elected an Honorary Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn.

## Latest wills

Mr Norman Henry Castle, of Black Rock, Brighton, East Sussex, late company director, left estate valued at £1,941,781 net.


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Hebrews 4:1

## BIRTHS

**ALLNUTT** - On February 17th, to Judith (née Strain) and Robert, a son, Thomas Edward John.

**BARTLETT** - On February 18th, to Angela (née Dolw) and Nigel, a son, Edward Guy, known to his friends as Ned. The stork has landed!

**BRENNAN** - On February 17th, to Lynette (née Carswell) and Peter, a daughter, Katie Margaret Valentine, a sister for Joscelyn.

**BONAS** - On Saturday February 18th 1989, to Lady Mary Gaye and Jeffrey, a daughter, Cressida.

**BROWNING** - On February 18th 1989, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, to Elizabeth (née Tennant) and Nigel, a daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth, a sister for Matthew.

**BULLOCK** - On February 17th 1989, to Catherine (née Fox) and Jim, a son, James William Basil.

**CAMMIADE** - On February 17th, to Claire (née Bannister) and Charles, a daughter Lucy.

**CHEYNE** - On February 20th, to Gay (née Pearce) and David, a third son, Rupert.

**CLAYTON** - On February 12th 1989, at Pembury Hospital, to Rebecca (née Dunthorne) and Timothy, a son, James Oliver.

**COLLINS** - On February 18th, to Lea (née Davey) and David, congratulations on the birth of a son, Vincent Charles. God keep him safe. Grandma Grandpa Collins.

**CRAWLEY** - On February 12th 1989, to Emma (née Crawley) and Hugo, a daughter, Scarlett Amelia.

**CROZIER** - On February 17th, to Suzanne and Ian, two sons, Benjamin Francis and Samuel Brian, twin brothers for Joshua.

**DAVID** - On February 9th, to Annelies (née Van Lente) and Dr. Timothy Joseph, a son, Michael Leo Marinus.

**FAWKE** - On February 16th 1989, to Alexandra (née MacColl) and William, a daughter Roseanna Blanche Alicia, a sister for Laurence.

**FITZ ROY** - On February 14th 1989, to Cornelia and Michael, a daughter.

**GARDNER** - On February 2nd 1989, to Mariana (née Zavati) and John, a daughter, Fay Jacqueline.

**HAMMOND** - On February 18th 1989, to Linda and Ivan; a beautiful son, Darren Craig.

**HENDERSON** - On February 14th 1989, to Veronique (née Fedier) and John, a son Thomas Oliver Wycliff.

**JEFFREYS** - On Saturday February 18th, to Anna and Christopher, a son.

**KING** - On February 8th 1989, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, to Christopher and Helen, a son, Thomas Austin.

**KNIGHT** - On February 14th, to Janet (née Aston) and Christopher, a son, Peter Christopher Moreton.

**KRONSTEIN** - On February 18th 1989, at the Portland Hospital, to Anita (née Dutta) and Gregory, a daughter, Venetia.

**LANE ROGERS** - On Tuesday, January 31st, to Stephen Paul Lane and Caroline Rogers, a daughter, Rhiannon Elizabeth.

**LOWRY-CORRY** - On February 16th 1989, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital Hammersmith, to Judy and James a daughter.

**MACDONALD** - On February 17th, to Jackie and Hamish, a daughter, Amelia Daisy.

**MANTLE** - On February 13th, to Olivia and Jonathan, a son, Miles Alexander Thube.

**MARKHAM** - On February 17th, to Deborah and John, a daughter, Juliet Catherine Loveday, a sister for Robert.

**MUIR-MACKENZIE** - On February 17th, to Susan (née Hayter) and Alexander, a son.

**PADFIELD** - On February 9th, to Margaret (née Davis) and James, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, a sister for Henry and Thomas.

**PEDDLE** - On February 18th, at Dulwich Hospital, to Nicola (née Olsen) and Alan, a daughter, Serena Margaret.

**PETTIT-MILLS** - On February 17th to Margaret (née Clements) and John, a daughter, Bridget Rose, a sister for Richard and Edward.

**PHIPPEN** - On February 19th, at The Whittington Hospital, Highgate Hill, to Caroline (née Nash) and Paul, a daughter Emma Jane.

**PIERCE** - On February 14th 1989, to Alyssa (née Rowlandson) and Clive, a daughter, Alana Chloë Valentina.

**PRATT** - On February 16th, to Sarah and Piers, a son, George, a brother for Louisa. With special thanks to all the staff at The Rosie and to family and friends for their terrific support.

**ROWLAND-JONES** - On February 20th, in Christchurch, New Zealand, to Belinda and Simon, a daughter, Charlotte.

**SHEARER** - On February 7th, at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, to Tamasin (née Day-Lewis) and John, a daughter Charissa Imogen Scarlett, a sister for Miranda and Harry.

**TIBBS** - See Mantle.

## DEATHS

**BELFORD** - On February 17th 1989, Roy Robert. Funeral at Stockport Crematorium, on Friday February 24th at 11.30 am. No flowers, but donations to Cancer Research.

**CAMPBELL** - On February 16th, peacefully in hospital, George Archibald aged 73 years of Olney. Youngest son of the late Colonel D. Campbell of Invernell. Loving father of Neil and Bruce, father in law of Denise and grandfather of John and Eleanor. Cremation at Bedford on Thursday, February 23rd at 11.30 am. Flowers or donations for Cancer Research to T.L. Cobbold, 54 High St., Hail Weston, St Neots, Cambridgeshire Tel. (0480) 72298.

**CARLSON** - On February 16th, at home in Crawley Down, Sussex. John Cecil, in his 92nd year. Funeral on Friday February 24th at 2.15 pm at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Balcombe Road, Worth, Crawley. Flowers to F. Brinkhurst & Son, Lingfield Road, East Grinstead, Sussex.

**COOPER** - On February 18th 1989, peacefully at home in Edinburgh, Anne, dearly loved wife of David and mother of Sarah and Julian. Formerly of Stisbourne, Kent. Funeral at Warriston Crematorium, Edinburgh, on Thursday, February 23rd at 12 noon. Family flowers only please but if desired, donations to St. Columba's Hospice, Edinburgh.

**COTTRELL** - On January 9th 1989, at Blue Mountains Hospital, Katoomba, New South Wales, Australia; after a short illness, Jack Dinham, O.B.E., in his 86th year, recently of Wentworth Falls, New South Wales and formerly of U.N.R.R.A. and W.H.O. in Austria, Thailand, Egypt and Denmark. Only son of Florence Burgoyne Cottrell and Charles Cottrell M.M.M.S.M. (both deceased).

**FARADAY** - On February 16th, suddenly at home in Cheltenham, Kenneth (Mike), beloved husband of Elvie and much loved father of Michael, Peter and Catherine. After a life of love for his family and friends and service to his country. Sadly missed by all.

**FAULCONER** - On February 18th, peacefully at home, Daphne, wife of Ivor and mother of Oliver and Gina. At her request, no flowers, but donations if desired to The Friends of King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst.

**FIENNES** - On February 18th, after a long, courageous fight, Michael Yorke, aged 76. Dearly beloved husband of Jacqueline, and loving father of Toby and Peter. Private cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving for Michael's life will be held in Tenterden, on a date to be announced later.

**FRASER OF TULLYBELTON** - On February 17th, The Right Hon. Lord P.C., in a car accident. Cremation 12.15 pm Thursday, February 23rd at Perth Crematorium. Memorial service in Edinburgh to be announced later. No flowers. Donations to charity if desired.

**GADDIE** - On February 19th 1989 very peacefully in hospital in Edinburgh Mary Bell Gaddie MA. Dip Soc dearly loved by her family and her many friends around the world. All friends are invited to the service in Liberton Kirk on Thursday February 23rd at 2.00pm followed by interment at Liberton Cemetery, Liberton Brae at 2.30pm. Flowers may be sent to W.T. Dunbar and Sons, 116, Lothian Road, Edinburgh by 12.30pm.

**GOLDSTONE** - On February 18th, peacefully, Sampson aged 81 years, beloved husband of Maree, sadly missed by his children, Jane, Judy, Jennifer, Michael and Jackie, grandchildren, sisters Stella and Gladys, relatives and friends. Funeral and prayers have already taken place.

**GOODWIN** - On Sunday February 19th, peacefully after a short illness, Bridget Barbara Wenna Dorney, aged 88. Much loved by her daughter, family and many friends. Funeral service at St. Stephen's Church, Lansdown, Bath on Friday February 24th at 2.45pm followed by private cremation. No flowers please. Donations if wished to The Royal National Lifeboat Institute, c/o National Westminster Bank, 24 Milsom Street, Bath.

**GUTTERIDGE** - On February 14th 1989, suddenly Percival Charles, beloved and loving husband of Maureen, devoted father to Lorraine and Catherine and father in law to Charlie. Much loved Grandpa of Chloë and Sophie, and trusted colleague and friend to all who knew him in the Tootal Group. Funeral, Friday February 24th 1989, at 10 am at The Church of Our Lady of The Holy Rosary, Brixton Road, London SW9, followed by committal at the South London Crematorium. Flowers may be sent by 3.30pm Thursday February 23rd 1989, to Ashton Funeral Services, The Garden House, 369 Clapham Road, London SW9.

**GRAHAM** - On February 18th at Lamlash, Isle of Arran, Thomas George F.I.C.E., formerly Bute County Road Surveyor and a former Borough Surveyor of Melrose. At rest.

**GREIG** - On February 16th, peacefully at home, Arthur Greig M.B.E., aged 96. Husband of Agnes Betty, and Father of Mollie, Jennifer and Andrea. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, Friday February 24th, at 11.40 am. Flowers to Chenery Funeral Service Limited, 44 Bedford Road, Hitchin, Herts.

**HAINES** - On February 17th 1989, Edward O.B.E., LL.M., former Town Clerk of Oldham, son of the late Major E. Haines of Southport, beloved husband of Wendy and much loved father of David and Peter. Funeral service at Oldham Parish Church on February 24th at 11.15 am. No flowers. Enquiries to G. Barlow & Sons Ltd, Tel: 061 624 4301.

**JEGER** - On February 20th in Charing Cross Hospital, Sybil, wife of the late George Jeger MP and mother of Jenny. Funeral, 3.15 pm Wednesday, February 22nd at Putney Vale Crematorium. No flowers please.

**MACLEOD** - On February 18th 1989 peacefully on holiday in Spain, Roddy deeply loved husband of Elizabeth and respected and much loved father of Lucinda, Hector and Bernard. Funeral at Nedging on February 24th Friday at 2.30 pm. Flowers or donations to British Heart Foundation. Memorial Service at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, London, at 3.pm. on Wednesday 1st March.

**MARNHAM** - On February 16th 1989, peacefully at Newcourt Hospital, Exeter, Nicholas. Private cremation at Exeter and Devon Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired for Newcourt Hospital, Old Rydon Lane, Exeter.

**MEDLICOTT** - On February 20th, painlessly after 6 weeks in hospital with pneumonia, Patricia Kathleen (née Attwell). Interment at Medlicott in Private. No flowers please.

**MILLIGAN** - On February 18th, suddenly at home, John Stowell. Beloved husband of Patricia and father of Heather and David. Private Cremation at Woking Crematorium on Friday, February 24th at 11.00am. Family flowers only, donations to The Army Benevolent Fund, c/o F Harrison & Son, 40 Harvest Road, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey. (0784) 32163.

**O'CONNELL** - On February 18th, Maurice Arthur (Moc). Beloved husband of Betty and very dear father of Maurice, Maureen, Patrick, Barry and Deirdre, and much loved grandfather. Requiem Mass at Clifton Cathedral, 12 noon, February 24th. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The British Red Cross, 9 Grosvenor Cresent, London SW1X 7EJ.

**PAUL** - On February 17th, peacefully at St Bartholomews Hospital after a long illness courageously borne, Mary, dearly loved wife of George and mother of Bridget, Stuart and Oliver. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary at Stoke, Belstead Rd, Ipswich on Thursday February 23rd at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Elizabeth Hospice, Cancer Research or The Hunt Servants Benefit Society, c/o Singleton & Hastings, 21 Berners St, Ipswich, IP1 3LW.

**ROSENFELD** - On February 15th 1989, in his sleep at Westbury House, West Meon, Dr Ludwig, PH.D. Funeral 11.15am, Thursday February 23rd, 1989, at the University Catholic Chaplaincy, 156 Broadlands Road, Southampton.

**ROWAN-ROBINSON** - On February 17th 1989, suddenly and peacefully in hospital, Antony, a devoted and caring husband and father, much loved by his wife Pam, children and grandchildren. Funeral at 12 noon, February 24th at Bramshott Church, Liphook, followed by a private cremation. No flowers please.

**SANDERS** - On February 17th, at Whitehanger Nursing Home, Margaret L. Widow of Prependary F. H. Sanders. Late of Axminster and Kingsley Green, cremation at Guildford Crematorium, Thursday, February 23rd, at 4.30. Family flowers only.

**SCOTT** - On Saturday February 18th 1989 peacefully at Roden Hall Nursing Home, Shropshire in his 87th year Joseph Harold dearly loved husband of the late Connie and loving father, grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Cound on Monday March 6th 1989 at 2.00pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to NSPCC, Carole House, Pinnox Street, Tunstall, Stoke on Trent, ST6 6AH.

**SHELTON** - On February 18th, peacefully at Budleigh Salterton, E.H. St. J."Harvey" aged 88, father of Lex, Elizabeth, and David.

**STAPLEFORD** - On February 17th 1989, peacefully, Charles Henry beloved father of Rodney and Maureen. The Funeral Service will be held at Croydon Crematorium at 12 noon on Friday, February 24th. No flowers please. Donations may be made to the KBM Appeal at Mayday Hospital, Croydon.

**STURGE** - On February 17th, peacefully, John Lewis, aged 60, formerly of Tring. Dear father of Edward. Service, Thursday, February 23rd, Chichester Crematorium at 2pm. Enquiries to Edward White & Son, 5, South Pallant, Chichester. Tel: 782136.

**TAYLEUR** - On February 18th, peacefully at home, Mildred, the widow of Brigadier Charles Lancelot Tayleur D.S.O., late of the Royal Artillery, and formerly widow of Colonel David Harold Wynn Kirkby, late of the Royal Welch Fusiliers. Much loved. Funeral Service at 3.00 pm on Thursday, February 23rd, at West Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium. Small sprays of flowers only please, to J.H.Kenyon, Funeral Directors, 132 Freston Road, W10, or if desired, donations to Widows Fund, Officers Pensions Society.

**UNSWORTH WHITE** - On February 20th, 1989, peacefully, Captain Kenneth Unsworth White R.N. Retd, aged 91 years. Husband of the late Ina and father of George, Robert and David. Enquiries to C. Waterhouse & Sons, Tel (0435) 862219.

**WINDEBANK** - On February 18th, Margaret (Tess) Windebank, beloved wife of Charles (Peter), and dear Mother of Oliver, Charles and Vicky. Funeral service at Warborough Parish Church at 2.30 pm on Friday February 24th. Family flowers only.

**WOOLNER** - On February 16th, peacefully at home in Biddenden, Kent, Anne, wife of the late Major General Kit Woolner. Much loved by all the family. Funeral service to be held at All Saints Church, Biddenden, near Ashford, Kent, on Friday February 24th at 2.00 pm, followed by private cremation. Flowers or donations if desired to Biddenden Parish Church, c/o the Rector.

**WRIGHT** - On Sunday, February 19th 1989, peacefully at University College Hospital, Betty Frances (née Jones), sadly missed by family and friends. Cremation at Putney Vale, Tuesday, February 28th at 11.45am. Family flowers only, donations in memoriam to local hospices please. Enquiries to Barton & Son, Hounslow, 01-570 0118.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

**A** - Memorial Service for Sir Denis Truscott G.B.E., T.D., F.G.S.M. will be held on Wednesday March 15th at 12 noon in St Lawrence Jewry-Next-Guild Hall, City of London.

**A** - Service of Thanksgiving for the life of William John Heywood Haslam, will be held at All Saints Church, Fulham, on Monday, March 20th at 2.30 pm. Other enquiries, phone: 736 2013.

**TIPPETT** - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Jill Tippett will be held at St. John's Parish Church, Hartley Wintney on Friday, March 31st at 2.30pm.

## IN MEMORIAM - WAR

**WALTON** - 2nd Lieutenant F M Walton, Worcs Reg. For Max who died in Cherbourg on the way home February 21st 1919.

## IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

**GRABHAM** - In very loving memory of Agnes, beloved wife of the late Charles Grabham, late of Barracks, Cranbrook, Kent and mother of Violet, who died February 21st 1946. R.I.P.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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(Estate about £11,900)

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WARNER, otherwise PERCY NORAH WARNER otherwise NORAH PERCY, Spinster, late of 58b Hilldrop Road, Holloway, London N7, died at Upper Holloway, London N19, on 14th October 1988.
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YOUNG, nee BLACKMAN, VIOLET MAY YOUNG nee BLACKMAN, Widow, late of 5 Redhill, Chislehurst, Kent, died at Orpington, Kent, on 29th March 1985.
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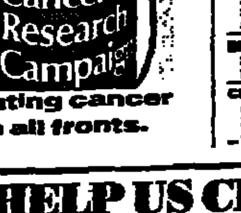
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## University news

**York**

The university has been awarded nearly £2 million by public and private organizations to fund new and continuing research.

Almost £700,000 of this is for the Department of Chemistry for work including the development of A-level chemistry curricula, a project which aims to broaden the appeal of chemistry by relating it to everyday life.

More than £300,000 goes to the university's Electromagnetic Compatibility Research Group, a division of the York Electronics Centre, to develop computer-aided design tools for reducing radio frequency interference.

The Computer Science Department has received two grants worth more than £200,000 from the Science and Engineering Research Council to develop techniques for producing safe software and new design methods to make computer systems easier to use.

A grant from the Department of Health and Social Security worth more than £80,000 goes to the Department of Social Policy and Social Work for a study of the dynamics of one-parent families, which will shape future policy-making.

# THE ARTS

TELEVISION

## Nothing naughty here

***Behaving Badly*** **(Channel 4) must be one of the all-time great titles, but there was *little evidence of bad* behaviour in the first episode of this four-part drama series. The only conceivable culprit was Ronald Pickup, who announced over the turbot that he had fallen in love with a younger woman. His wife, *Judi Dench, promptly moved out* of their Hampstead home to make way for her successor.**

**Five years later, Dench is busying herself with pottery classes and scrubbing the kitchen ceiling. The highlight of her week is a visit to a church service in Croydon. In the words of the poet, something's gotta give. But what?**

**Dench is an actress who exists in her roles as opposed to merely performing them, and is always a pleasure to watch. When she was absent from the screen, however, the line by which one's disbelief was suspended snapped with a *resounding twang*. Dench's querulous mother-in-law, played by Gwen Watford, *might have***



Judi Dench: ain't misbehavin

**strayed in from Woody Allen's Brooklyn (minus the jokes). Dench's daughter, Phyllida, was shacked up in a Battersea flat with Serafina, Jonathan and Giles, all of whom sat around talking about their parents' problems; home sharing as depicted in *The Young Ones* was a darn sight more convincing than this.**

**Though not exactly adultery-in-Hampstead scenario, this was Teacup Drama territory, or perhaps, since the characters spent a lot of time talking to each other by phone, a British telecomedy. The bad behaviour will, presumably, be manifesting itself as the series *progresses; one would dearly like* to see Dame Judi trashing a bar, or, *at the least, getting ratty with* the woman from her pottery class.**

**In *Horizon* (BBC2), the man who pioneered the linear electric motor showed us his butterfly collection and demonstrated that nature invented the liquid crystal long before the first digital watches were disrupting concerts *with their bleeping*. Eric Laithwaite, an amalgam of school teacher *and scientist*, *was a splendid* example of the species *televisionus eccentricus*, but his ideas were extremely persuasive.**

**Velcro is a refinement of the burdock plant; the mole-cricket's personalized stereo pre-empted Sony; mosquitoes load their hypodermics with anti-coagulants; and daddy longlegs are scampering gyroscopes. Man does not invent; *he merely happens upon things* that already exist in one form or another. After this, one would not be unduly surprised to find a family of hedgehogs clustered around nature's version of a television set.**

**Anne Billson**

**John Russell Taylor** reviews the work two very different painters with much in common

# The Romantics, English-style

The opening of the Barbican show devoted to *The Last Romantics* last week *inevitably* sets the mind working on such questions of what exactly Romanticism *is, where it begins and where it ends*. The alarming thing is that once you start on that line of thought it is almost impossible to stop, anywhere.

However, it does, whichever way you look at it, make a couple of this week's new exhibitions seem particularly relevant. These are the two major shows at the Tate, those concerning **Jacques-Laurent Agasse** and **Francis Danby** (Laurent until April 2, Danby until April 9). Agasse was born in 1767 and died in 1849; Danby's dates are 1793-1861.

The vital periods of their careers correspond more closely than the dates might lead one to suppose, and in any case both of them were very much around in the first flush of the English Romantic Movement. And this is where they belong, even though both were in a sense foreigners: Agasse most decidedly, being born in Geneva and settling definitively in England only when he was 33; Danby more subtly, in that he was Irish, born in Wexford and nobbled by Bristol of his way back to Ireland after his first trip to London at the age of 20.

Agasse is, as far as Romanticism is concerned, a curious case. From his painting one would label him either just pre-Romantic or just post-; full-flood, tempestuous Romantic he is certainly not. He was first encouraged to come to England by a horse-owning English aristocrat, and many of his best and most famous images are very much in the

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### Jacques-Laurent Agasse
### Francis Danby
### Portrait of the Artist
Tate

territory of Stubbs: horses, their breeders and riders, scenes of the stable and the hunt. Nor is his usuual style so different from Stubbs, though perhaps, as befits a son of Geneva, his vision is more prosaic *and rooted in the turf. And the likeness to* Stubbs extends even to the other famous part of his work, his paintings of the larger cats and other exotic beasts. Though he depicts them with a certain grandeur, his view always seems to be scientific rather than picturesque.

So much for the pre-Romantic. There is another side to his painting, one which I suspect modern audiences will find more immediately appealing, which belongs very decidedly to the early 19th century, which is, indeed, completely Biedermeier in its look and feel. These are the little social and street scenes, which bring vividly *before our eyes a country* "Pleasure Ground" occupied by staidly pretty mothers and mildly rambunctious children, or a "Flower Cart in Spring", with children admiring the seller's wares in a quiet London square, or a City "Fishmonger's Shop". The German and Viennese Beidermeier painters self-consciously replaced Revolutionary fervour and Romantic *sturm und drang* with the settled bourgeois values of Metternich's middle-European accord, and this must surely have been very much Agasse's attitude to life.

Danby, now, is something else again. As I remarked writing about this show from Bristol late last year, his own private life was tangled and very far from bourgeois respectability, especially in its middle section, when he was trailing round Europe with a mistress and a dozen children, legitimate and illegitimate, to keep, and debt collectors frequently at his heels. His painting too seems to mirror a stormy temperament. Not to begin with, perhaps: his early landscapes painted in and around Bristol are clean and innocuous to the point, sometimes, of dullness. But then he found himself in a series of *wilfully Sublime compositions on such* subjects as "The Deluge" and "The *Opening of the Sixth Seal*", *with* occasional evocations of such Romantic *idées fixes* as the Upas Tree.

The London version of the show benefits from the presence of "The Deluge" itself, which belongs to the Tate and was adjudged too large and frail to travel. It perhaps suffers slightly from not nestling in the midst of the thriving school of Danby's Bristol *contemporaries*, but even at the Tate you do not need to go too *far — straight across to the recently rehung* British Romantic room, in fact — to catch up with the oddest and most interesting of them, Samuel Colman, who also leaned towards the Apocalyptic, as well as with Danby's greatest rival in this field, John Martin, of whom you can for the moment



Detail from an Agasse portrait at the Tate

see not only the Tate's own spectacular *holding, but also his most famous image* of all, "Belshazzar's Feast", borrowed for the occasion.

There are other goodies on view at the Tate now which it would be foolish to miss if you are there anyway. Just outside Danby and Agasse there is, under the title **Portrait of the Artist** (until April 16), an appealing selection from more than 100 artists' self-portraits acquired by the Tate archives seven years ago. The interesting thing about them, other than the very high general quality of draughtsmanship, is *that they were all made for Arts Review* magazine from its inception in 1949, were *therefore conceived as a series, and offer a* sort of cross-section of British art in the early 1950s. The drawings are supplemented by a few relevant borrowed paintings, equally unfamiliar. And if you consult the accompanying book, you will find an intriguing conundrum. Not on show, but reproduced in the book, are seven highly ideosyncratic drawings labelled "unidentified". They all look as though should be recognizable; no doubt positive identifications will be gratefully received.

Then, close to the new Romantics gallery is a delightful piece of arrangement which mixes in the originals of Max Beerbohm's caricatures of *The Pre-Raphaelites and their Circle* with actual Pre-Raphaelite drawings and small paintings. The caricatures retain all their original zest and sure aim. And yet the Pre-Raphaelite works themselves are completely unscathed: we may sometimes laugh (even rather unkindly) at their creators, but the maker and the made remain triumphantly distinct.

There may be — indeed there are — various opinions about the effectiveness of some of the rehanging which is going on in the British Collection at the moment, though it is hard to be sure how much of the disappointment we may feel at the seeming reduction of James Ward's magisterial "Gordale Scar", by its resiting on a dark-red wall instead of on the screen where we are used to seeing it, is simply our unconscious sense of disturbance at seeing anything familar changed. But in general the Tate seems to be undergoing an enlivening face-lift, and taking its responsibilities to the history of British art a lot more seriously than during the last few years. If this is an early result of Nicholas Sarota's rule, we can only wish more strength to his elbow.

# Finding Canada's theatrical voice

**Irvine Wardle** talks to Robert Lepage, a talented young director from Quebec whose London staging of *Polygraph* opens at the Almeida tomorrow

In thirty years of Canadian theatre-going my greatest shock came in 1986 when I filled in a spare night in Toronto by sampling a French-Canadian show at the Harbourfront complex. This was *The Dragons Trilogy*, a work spanning 75 years and five time zones, and played in French, English and Chinese.

When I reeled out of it some four hours later, two things were immediately clear: Canada had at last found its theatrical voice, and, in Robert Lepage, the country had also found a world-class director. It was all the more amazing that *this breakthrough had come from* the culturally inward-looking French community.

The *Trilogy* subsequently played in London's Riverside Studios, and Lepage appeared at the ICA in his solo piece, *Vinci*. Now he is in London again with a new production, *Polygraph*, a "metaphyisical detective story" which opens at the Almeida *tomorrow*.

Lepage works as a freelance director in the major Montreal and Quebec theatres, and as a film actor; but internationally he appears under the banner of the Theatre Repere, a company founded in 1980 by Jacques Lessard and which takes its anagramatic name from a creative formula developed by the Lawrence Halprin San Francisco Dancers' Workshop.

*Lepage, a doe-eyed, chubby 31-*year-old whose boyish looks leave *you wholly unprepared for harsh* things he can do on stage, also *began life with a double identity,* growing up in a Quebecois family with an adopted Irish brother and sister. "Our schoolteachers said that mixing with English would stain our culture. But I felt that my French was not too bad in spite of my bilingual family. I'm a nationalist and proud of it, but I've never felt any animosity *towards English Canadians.*

"For 200 years French Canada has been closed in on itself. Things started changing with the election of the Partie Quebecois and the 1980 referendum that proposed Sovreignty Association as a softcore alternative to Separatism. The party also gave financial support to strengthening Quebec culture, and people became less *afraid of speaking English in a* French show. Our company is one *of several that appeared at that* time. But the others, like Carbone *14* and Omnibus specialize in body language. We are maybe the only one dealing with text. To say what you mean without having to mime it was a stimulating goal.

"Repere isn't a permanent troupe: it's more a monastic *retreat for mainstream actors who* join in a project and explore sides *of their personality never touched* in their regular work. The word 'Repere' is the French equivalent of Halprin's RSVP: resource, search, evaluation, and presentation. The starting point is the resource; an initial impression from which text, setting and everything else develop in rehearsal. The resource for the *Trilogy* was a Toronto parking lot, *for Vinci* a Leonardo cartoon I saw in the National Gallery; for *Polygraph* a wall, *which appears in*



Taking a different view: the Canadian theatre director Robert Lepage

every scene and also represents the barrier concealing a mystery.

"This is how we differ from other collective groups, which work intellectually. We start from a small impression, and build on it intuitively. At the same time, rules appear, to be followed like classical Alexandrines. You have to get your message across *within these* constraints, because they enable to you find things you didn't know were inside you.

"For instance, in the *Trilogy* rehearsals we used to do daily warm-up exercises; very boring. Then one of the actors suggested *that, as we were exploring* Chinese Canada we should use the Tai Chi: *and the Tai Chi movements* then expanded into dramatic gestures — serving in a restaurant, opening a bottle; they gave us a vocabulary. *In the final six-hour version* there is a Tai Chi scene that contains the whole show. It doesn't stop there. The Taoists don't speak of good and bad, but of opposites that complete each other. In our society everybody is aiming to become one thing — good, or successful. I think that is boring. As in a dream, someone offers you an apparently impossible role; then you find you can do it because it is a part of you."

*Polygraph* may have begun with the image of a wall, but it led on to a violent event in Lepage's own past, in which an actress friend was raped and murdered, and he was interrogated among a group of 20 other suspects.

Lepage said: "It's a suspense story, but we never see the victim or the killer. It's told from three points of view: a close friend of the dead woman; the pathologist who performed the autopsy; and an actress in a movie inspired by the murder. Two of *the characters first meet on a* subway station and begin an affair; later, all three meet in a restaurant where the story comes out, and the relationship starts to change and crumble. Our metaphor was to identify each character with a subway line — the blue line, the red line — and at one point all the lines converge.

"The title comes partly from a Latin root, meaning 'different writings', but it's also the name for a lie-detector. I underwent that examination myself, and it was a very alienating experience. The truth is being judged by a machine. It's not simply of matter of plugging you into electrodes, but of the use the police make of the results."

Tomorrow will unveil what else Lepage and his colleagues; Marie Brassard and Pierre Philippe Guay, discovered behind the wall.

CONCERT

## Piano takes a grand bow

**Shura Cherkassky**
Festival Hall

**For once the performer, even the *music, must give precedence to a* description of the instrument, for Shura Cherkassky's delightful Sunday afternoon recital marked the British début of the 500,000th piano made by Steinway & Sons.**

**This is no ordinary grand, but an elephantine creation with bulky wooden frills round its belly and base, legs as thick as drainpipes, and a lid and sides inscribed with *signatures of the famous*. Not really my taste in piano décor, but then it is not likely to end up in any living-room.**

**On the other hand, Cherkassky offered the kind of old-fashioned virtuoso entertainment that included something for all tastes. There was sonorous but unusually accented Beethoven (E flat Sonata, Op 27, No 1); and nobly contrasted *Chopin, full of shimmering* textures and masterful delineation; a punchy and deliciously stylish account of Copland's *El Salón México* (in the Bernstein arrangement), with perhaps a touch of tongue-in-cheek caricature about the exaggeratedly macho bass notes; and finally a grandiose sweep through Liszt's *Réminiscence de Don Juan*, so full of panache that the wrong notes seemed like part of the act.**

***At 77*, Cherkassky retains the sort of technique and temperament which (as Muhammad Ali remarked in a different context) can "float like a butterfly, sting like a bee". The basic sound is warm, chunky and romantic, but sometimes Cherkassky employs a stabbing touch that mindlessly picks *out complex textures.***

**Richard Morrison**

# The angst of the expatriate

LOS ANGELES THEATRE

On the basis of *The Film Society*, originally premièred in LA in 1987 *and subsequently performed in* New York and at the Hampstead Theatre Club, *Jon Robin Baitz* acquired that most treacherous of all appellations: the promising young writer. *Dutch Landscape*, now at the Mark Taper Forum, is therefore being viewed less as a work of art than as the proof of an augury — which is about as fair as asking a young man who's made one good marriage to immediately make another.

*Although it is set in South* Africa in 1978 and deals superficially with the inner and outer violence of apartheid, the play is essentially an elegy on the expatriate state. Nowadays when we discuss "the homeless", we tend to think of pathetic members of the underclass wedged into cardboard *boxes in mean streets*. Baitz is asking us to explore that more profound sense of homelessness which exists when people willingly displace themselves from their native culture.

By implication, the play tends to locate the cause of South Africa's social and political problems in that greater apartheid which separated the Afrikaner from his Dutch roots and the British colonizer from *his* native culture, the displacement of the blacks from *their homeland* being merely another, more cruel, form of expatriation.

Baitz's *disorientated American* family, wrenched from California to Brazil to Natal, are the natural descendants of O'Neil's late family plays, where characters mourning some indefinable spiritual loss are constantly being forced to confront years of brutal self-deception. The family at the centre of Baitz's play reconvene for a fateful New Year's Eve celebration in Durban at which their black housekeeper is struck by the neurotic and alcoholic mother of the family — immediately producing a symbolic death.

On the surface, the rest of the play tries to deal with the political and moral implications of this accident but, what the author is really probing is the tangle of deceits, both psychic and political, *in which each member* of the family is ensnared. Coming to terms with the death of that black housekeeper becomes an exorcism for all foreigners sumptiously imprisoned " in South African society.

*Dutch Landscape, like Long Day's Journey into Night* (with which it has striking parallels), is a collection of red-hot autobiographical coals. Unlike O'Neill, for whom the writing of the play *is* the catharsis, Baitz *posits conflicts he has never* personally resolved and which, therefore, remain unresolved in his work.

It feels like a play which has been written backwards. The final scenes of confrontation and self-*revelation are the strongest* and most organic while the early exposition that sets them up *lurches and meanders all over the* place. Nevertheless, the writing is *as crisp and searing as in The Film Society* and the moral purpose that drives the play gives it a weight quite astonishing in a playwright aged 28.

Although it may not have fulfilled everyone's highest hopes, *Dutch Landscape*, sympathetically directed by Gordon Davidson, remains a highpoint of the season.

The other highpoint should have been the American première of Alexander Galin's *Star in the Morning Sky* — one of the recent efflorescences of *glasnost* which was written in 1982 and finally produced in 1987 at the Maly in Leningrad. Since then, its Gorbachovian openness has garnered as many as 100 productions in the Soviet Union.

Set during the 1980 Moscow Olympics, the play deals with the authorities' attempt to sweep the prostitutes and ne'er do-wells off *the city streets in order to impress* the West with the sanitized morality of the classless society. A kind of up-dated *Lower Depths* which, like Gogol and Mayakovsky, uses simpletons and souses as conveyors of high moral seriousness, the play *confirms* the general impression that, *glasnost* notwithstanding, Soviet drama is 25-50 years behind the times.

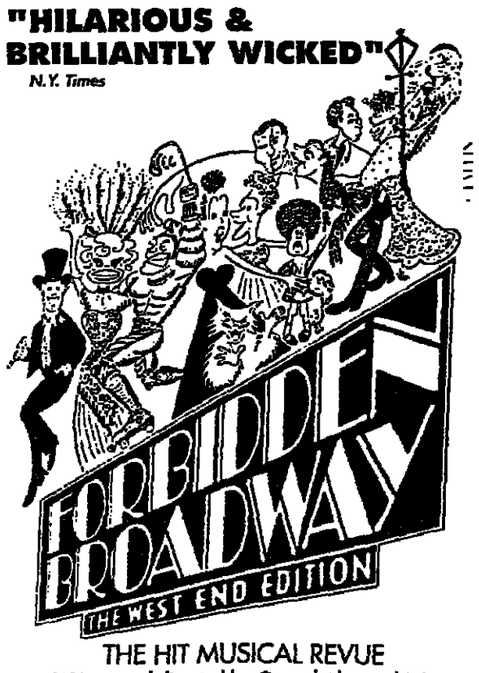
The spectacle of topless actresses in frank discussion of prostitution must have given the piece a certain fillip in that unnaturally-cloistered society. Transferred to California, it loses all impact.

Those few dramatic virtues *which are retained* — a talent for soliloquy and a fey, wastrel humour reminiscent of the early Gorky — are effectively dissipated by Bill Hushnell's production which is so mindless and insensitive to the needs of the script that it feels almost like a Cold War assault on the whole notion of *perestroika*.

**Charles Marowitz**

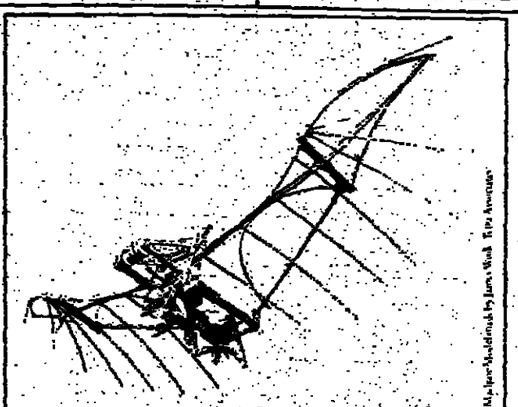

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## THEATRE

### LONDON

☆ 'ALLO 'ALLO: Stage version of the comedy series: Gorden Kaye, Carmen Silvera and all the familiar jokes.
Palladium Theatre, Argyll Street, W1 (01-437 7373). Tube: Oxford Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10.10pm, Fri and Sat 8.30-10.40pm, mats Fri and Sat 5.30-7.40pm, £5.50-£14.50.

☆ ARTIST DESCENDING A STAIRCASE: Deft, often touching stage version of Stoppard's radio play, transferred from the King's Head.
*Duke of York's Theatre*, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-836 5122). Tube: Leicester Sq. Mon-Thurs 8-9.30pm, Fri and Sat 8.30-10pm; mats Fri and Sat 6-7.30pm. £5-£13.50.

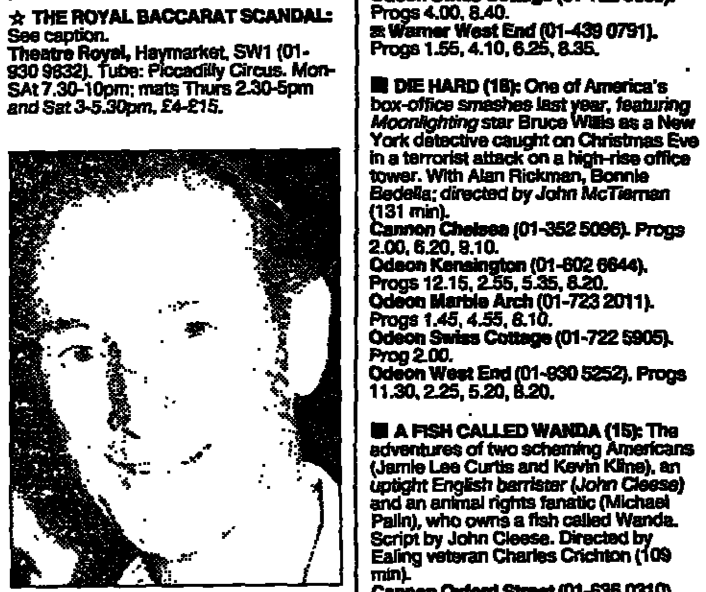
☆ BRIGADOON: OK revival of Lerner and Loewe's misty Scottish musical.
Victoria Palace, Victoria St SW1 (01-834 1317). Tube: Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm; *mats Thurs*, Sat 2.30-5pm, £8-£20. Thurs mat. all seats half-price.

☆ A HERO'S WELCOME: Tragedy, humour and eroticism surface ina Jamaican hill town in 1947; new play by Winsome Pinnock.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 2554). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; *mat Sat 3.30pm, £4-£6.*

☆ JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK: Linda Bassett and Tony Haygarth in Peter Gill's production, first in a trilogy of O'Casey plays.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Opens tonight 7pm, then in repertoire. £5.50-£14.

☆ OVER MY DEAD BODY: Donald Sinden, June Whitfield, Frank Middlemass play three crime novelists in new comedy thriller.
*Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 8888).* Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat 3pm, £7.50-£15.

☆ THE ROYAL BACCARAT SCANDAL: See caption.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-SAt 7.30-10pm; mats Thurs 2.30-5pm *and Sat 3-5.30pm, £4-£15.*



Gerald Harper (above) and Keith Michell pick at the bones of the 1890 Tanby Croft affair in the transfer of the *Royal Baccarat Scandal* opening at the Haymarket Theatre tonight (see listing). Recently staged in Chichester, Royce Ryton's play based on the book by Lord Havers and Edward Grayson. The gripping story reveals the events surrounding a true story which shook Victorian society, about a country house party, an illegal card game, an illicit affair and a Royal scandal involving the Prince of Wales. Gerald Harper plays the Q.C. Sir Edward Clarke.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ Beyond Reasonable Doubt: Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166) . . . ☆ Cats: New London Theatre (01-405 0072). . . ☆ *Les Liaisons Dangereuses:* Ambassador Theatre (01-836 6111) . . . ☆ Me and My Girl: Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913) . . . ★ Les Miserables: Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ The Mousetrap: St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . . ☆ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244) . . . ☆ Run for your Wife: Criterion Theatre (01-867 1117) . . . ★ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665)

### OUT OF TOWN

BIRMINGHAM: ☆ Stiff Options: Funeral parlour farce with Peter (*Bread*) Howitt hiding in the coffins.
Alexandra Theatre, Suffolk Street (021 643 1231). *Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed* 2.20pm, and Sat 4pm, £3-£7.

## FILMS

■ Also on national release
≋ Advance booking possible

ARTHUR II – ON THE ROCKS (PG): Continued sequel to the 1981 comedy, with Dudley Moore as the millionaire drunk – now facing poverty (112 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.15, 9.15.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.25.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). *Progs 2.30, 5.25, 8.15.*
Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1.05, 3.30, 6.00, 8.25.

■ COCKTAIL (15): Would-be romantic comedy with macho trimmings, with Tom Cruise as a cocksure bartender saved from self-destruction by a down-to-earth young artist (Elisabeth Shue).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.50, 4.20, 6.55, 9.30.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.25, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). *Progs 1.10, 3.35; 6.05, 8.35.*
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 3.40, 8.30.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 4.00, 8.40.
≋ Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.25, 8.35.

■ DIE HARD (18): One of America's *box-office smashes last year, featuring Moonlighting* star Bruce Willis as a New York detective caught on Christmas Eve in a terrorist attack on a high-rise office tower. With Alan Rickman, Bonnie *Bedelia; directed by John McTiernan* (131 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 6.20, 9.10.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 12.15, 2.55, 5.35, 8.20.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs *1.45, 4.55, 8.10.*
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). *Prog 2.00.*
Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Progs 11.30, 2.25, 5.20, 8.20.

■ A FISH CALLED WANDA (15): The adventures of two scheming Americans (Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Kline), an *uptight English barrister (John Cleese)* and an animal rights fanatic (Michael Palin), who owns a fish called Wanda. Script by John Cleese. Directed by Ealing veteran Charles Crichton (109 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). *Progs 1.50, 4.55, 8.05.*
≋ Plaza (01-200 0200). Progs 1.45, 4.15, 6.45, 9.15.

SLIPSTREAM (PG): Ambitious, British-made fantasy from *Star Wars* producer Gary Kurtz, with Mark Hamill, Bob Peck, Kitty Aldridge and Bill Paxton (108 min).
Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). *Progs 12.30, 3.00, 5.40, 8.25.*

## CONCERTS

### LUNCHTIME

☆ FROM THE BARBICAN: Trios by Haydn (No 23) and Schumann (Op 63) are played by the Barbican Piano Trio.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Sq. *London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-2pm,* free.

☆ PANOCHA PIECES: The Panocha Quartet perform Mozart's Quartet K 387 and Schubert's early Quartet D 87.
Bishopsgate Hall, 230 Bishopsgate, London *EC2 (01-247 6844), 1.05-*1.50pm. £2.

☆ *EDINBURGH QUARTETS*: William Sweeney's Quartet and Haydn's Quartet Op 64 No 2 are juxtaposed by the Edinburgh Quartet.
Reid Concert Hall, Edinburgh University, Lauriston Place, Edinburgh (031 667 1011, ext 4577). 1.10pm, free.

### EVENING

SOUNDS OF SINOPOLI: Beethoven's *Symphony No 7 and the Prelude and* Liebestod from Wagner's *Tristan* are heard from the Philharmonia under Giuseppe Sinopoli, as is Liszt's Piano Concerto No 1 with Martha Argerich as soloist.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 *(01-928 8800), 7.30-9.20pm, £3.50-£18.*

☆ ROSES, RAQUETTES: Various players gather to celebrate Keith Amos's 50th birthday with *performances of his Roses, Raquettes, Catland, Compositae, A Croquet Party,*
British Music Information Centre, 10 Stratford Place, London W1 (01-499 8567), 7.30pm, free.

☆ THE WINNER: Philippe Cassard, winner of the GPA Dublin International Piano Competition, is heard in Schubert's 3 *Klavierstücke* D 946, Schumann's *Fantasiestücke* Op 12 and Debussy's *Préludes* Book 2.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ THE *3 Bs*: The Dartington Piano Trio play Brahms's Trio Op 87, Amy Beach's *Trio Op 150 and Frank Bridge's Trip in C* minor of 1907.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 8pm, £3-£5.

# The masters of 'jit'



Makorokoto music: The Four Brothers begin their tour in Glasgow tonight, ending in Bristol on March 14

Shortly after the granting of Zimbabwe's independence in 1980 the Four Brothers enjoyed their first hit, "Makorokoto", and became household names in their native country. *Makorokoto* (meaning celebration) is *also the title of a retrospective album now available in* the UK on Cooking Vinyl (COOK C 014). A heady concoction of four-part harmonies, sprightly hi-hat and kick-drum drum rhythms, and the distinctive "mbira" (thumb piano) style of guitar finger picking, their music is one of the finest examples of the exuberant "jit" tradition already popularized in this country by fellow Zimbabweans the Bhundu Boys and Jonah Moyo. They were discovered by the ubiquitous Andy Kershaw, *playing their regular gig* at Harare's Saratoga Bar. Tonight, they play at Furey Murrays, *96 Maxwell Street, Glasgow (041 221 6511) 10pm, £3-*£3.50; tomorrow, Music Hall, Aberdeen (0224 641122); Thursday, Queens Hall, Edinburgh (031 668 2019); Friday, Spectrum Centre, Leicester (0533 530943); Sunday, Dance Factory, Dundee (0382 26836); Tuesday February 28, Riverside, Newcastle (091 261 4386); Wednesday March 1, Irish Centre, Leeds (0532 480887); March 2, International, Manchester *(061 236 2577)*; March 3, Dorset Institute of Higher Education, Bournemouth (0202 524111); March 4, Subscription Rooms, Stroud (04536 4999); March 7, Norwich Arts Centre (0603 660352); March 9, Old Vic, Nottingham (0602 585127); March 10, Town & Country, London NW5 (01-284 0303); March 11, Concord Bar, Brighton (0273 606460); March 12, Venue, Cardiff (0222 345539); March 13, Hintons, Leamington Spa (0926 337231); March 14, Fleece & Firkin, Bristol (0272 277150).

*David Sinclair*

## OPERA

☆ THE PEARL FISHERS: Philip Prowse's handsome production for English National Opera back in a pared down revival, with Cathryn Pope, Alan Opie and Arthur Davies.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London *WC2 (01-836 3161) 7.30-10pm, £2.50-*£26.

☆ THE MAGIC FLUTE: Graham Vick's imaginative shoestring production, *delightfully re-orchestrated for a small* band and on tour with City of Birmingham Touring Opera.
South Hill Park Arts Centre, Bracknell (0344 427272) 7.30-10.30pm, £4.50-£7.50.

## DANCE

☆ THE SLEEPING BEAUTY: Peter Wright's production for Sadler's Wells *Royal Ballet.*
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01 240 1066) 7.30-10.30pm, £1-£37.

☆ *THE MONKEY KING AND OTHER* WORKS OF ACROBATICS: Dance spectacle and music by the Canton "Opera".
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London WC1. (01 278 8196) 7.30pm £4-16

## ROCK

☆ THE ESCAPE CLUB: London band whose debut single "Wild Wild West" went to No.1 in America, where they were voted Best New British Group by the readers of *Rolling Stone* and *nominated for a Grammy. Can't get* arrested in England.
T & C2, 20-22 Highbury Corner, London N1 (01-700 5716) 7.30pm, £4.

☆ NEW MODEL ARMY: The Genghis Khans of rock on the *Thunder and Consolation* warpath.
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-284 0303) 7.30pm, £6.50, for two nights.

## JAZZ

KEITH TIPPETT: "Spontaneous composition" from his avant-garde String Trio (piano and two double-basses).
The Leadmill, Leadmill Road, Sheffield (0742 754500) 8pm, £5.

HERB ELLIS: Recently seen with the Great Guitars, he returns for another mellow tour.
Four Bars Inn, Castle Street, Cardiff (0222 374962) 8.30pm, £5.50.

BLOSSOM DEARIE: "My Attorney *Bernie" and more in a residency* which has now been extended until April 29.
Pizza On The Park, 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (01-235 5550) 9.15pm & 11.15pm, £10.

## GALLERIES

ILYA KABAKOV: A sequence of *installations called Ten Albums* by a contemporary Russian artist.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, London W6 (01-741 2251), Tues-Sun 1-8pm, free, until April 2.

JACQUELINE MORREAU: *Fierce* drawings and paintings of mythical subjects inspired by current social tensions.
Odette Gilbert Gallery, 5 Cork Street, London W1 (01-437 3175), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until April 1.

THE LAST ROMANTICS: 350 paintings, drawings and illustrations by British artists from Burne-Jones to Stanley Spencer all of whom preferred stolid tradition to Modernism.
Barbican Art Gallery, *Barbican Centre*, Silk Centre, London EC2 (01-638 4141), Mon-Sat 10am-6.45pm, Sun noon-5.45pm, Sun noon-5.45pm, free, *until* April 9.

## MUSEUMS

CHELMSFORD IN THE SUNSHINE: *Paintings and pen and ink sketches*, by Alfred Bennett Bamford, of the market town at the turn of the century.
Chelmsford & Essex Museum, Oaklands Park, Moulsham Street, *Chelmsford (0245 490490). Open Mon-*Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm. Free. Until March 26.

THE ACADEMY COLLECTION OF UKULELES: *First made in Portugal in* the 1870s, this selection comes from local collector Jim Thoroughgood, who says there is more to the ukulele than George Formby, and proves it each weekend with demonstrations.
Mill Green Museums & Mill, Mill Green, *Hatfield, Hertfordshire* (07072 71362). Open Tues-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat, Sun 2-5pm. Free. Until April 2.

PRINTS BY JJ AUDUBON: Exhibition of life-size prints of the 19th century ornithologist's *Birds of America* and *Viviparous Quadrupeds of North America*, prepared by John Judkyn from the memorial exhibition taken from the *American Museum* in Bath. *First time in* Scotland.
Gracefield Arts Centre, Edinburgh Road, Dumfries (0387 62084). Open weekdays noon-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-5pm. Free. Until April.

## TALKS

PAINTING BEYOND ARCHITECTURE: Ben Jonson gives a lecture about his work, currently on exhibition at the RIBA – "Beyond the Image of Architecture: Transcendental Materialism".
Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, London W1 (01 580 5533) 6.15pm. Tickets £3 for non-members from the RIBA bookshop and events office.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OPEN LECTURE: Margaret B Lowrie, Associated Research Fellow in Anatomy and *Developmental* Biology, talks about nerves and muscles and their recovery and function after injury.
Darwin Theatre, University College, London, Gower Street, London WC2. 1.15pm. Free.

## WALKS

THE BURIED CITY – LONDON *BENEATH THE STREETS*: Meet Blackfriars tube, 11.30am, £3 (01-927 4281).

GHOSTS, GHOULS AND HAUNTED TAVERNS: *Meet St Paul's tube*, 7pm, £3 (01-937 4281).

ST JAMES'S – PRINCES AND PERSONALITIES FROM PEPYS TO NANCY ASTOR: Meet Clydesdale Bank, Piccadilly tube, 11am and 3pm, £3.

THE JACK THE RIPPER MURDER TRAIL: Meet Whitechapel tube, 7.30pm, £3 (01-668 4019).

## OTHER EVENTS

CARPETS OF *THE ANCIENT SILK* ROAD: Selling exhibition of outstanding old *antique carpets* and rugs from Beijing to the Bosphorus. Illustrated talks by Lee Allene, author of *Oriental Rugs – A Buyer's Guide*, today and Thurs at 1pm and 6.30pm.
Smith's Galleries, 56 Earlham Street, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01 836 6252). Today *until Feb 25*, weekdays 11am-9pm. Sat 11am-6pm. Free.

RICH AND RARE: Exhibition of work by 35 master craftsmen and craftswomen *including traditional icons, ecclesiastical* silverware, silk and velvet hangings, candlesticks, chess and backgammon tables, stained glass and mosaic lamps, musical instruments.
The Gallery, Town *Hall*, Bampton, Oxfordshire, until March 5, Tues-Sat *10.30am-1pm* and 2-5pm, Sun 2-5pm. Free

BRANDISHING SWORDS & SPLASHING INK: Traditional brush paintings by the celebrated Shanghai artist, Fu Hua who is currently in residence at the gallery. Among the exhibits are scroll paintings, framed watercolours, flower paintings and painted fans.
Manchester City Art Gallery, Mosley Street, Manchester (061 236 9422). Until March 5, Mon-Sat 10am-5.45pm. Sun 2-5.45pm. Free.

## BOOKINGS

### FIRST CHANCE

SOUTH BANK IN APRIL: Advance booking opens today for programme including Haydn's *Creation* Mendelssohn's *St Paul*, and Massenet's *Thaïs*; Nicholas Maw day including first *complete performance of his Odyssey*; Holst Singers tenth anniversary concert; Duke Ellington anniversary concert; Théâtre de Complicité in *Chameleon*; and staged production of Offenbach's *Orpheus in the Underworld* by Travelling Opera. General booking from March 7.
South Bank Concert Halls, London SE1 (01-928 8800).

SADLERS WELLS ROYAL BALLET: Tour includes *Les Sylphides, The Snow Queen, Petrushka*, and *Theme and Variations*. March 7-11.
Palace Theatre, Manchester (061-236 9922).

BARBICAN CINEMA: Booking for March, including *Pascali's Island, Scandal, Le Grand Chemin*, and *Dangerous Liaisons*.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

### LAST CHANCE

YOU PRESS THE BUTTON – WE DO THE REST: Exhibition celebrating centenary of the snapshot photograph. Ends Sun.
National Museum of Photography, Prince's View, Bradford, West Yorkshire. (0274 727488).

VIDEO POSITIVE 89: International video festival celebrating developments in video technology over two decades. Until Sun.
Tate Gallery, Albert Dock, Liverpool (051 709 3223).

## TOP 10 UK SINGLES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (2) | Belfast Child | Simple Minds, *Virgin* |
| 2 | (3) | Love Changes Everything | Michael Ball, *Really Useful* |
| 3 | (1) | Something's Gotten Hold of My Heart | Marc Almond, *Parlophone* |
| 4 | (–) | Leave Me Alone | Michael Jackson, *Epic* |
| 5 | (17) | Stop | Sam Brown, *A & M* |
| 6 | (6) | My Prerogative | Bobby Brown, *MCA* |
| 7 | (4) | The Living Years | Mike & the Mechanics, *WEA* |
| 8 | (5) | Love Train | Holly Johnson, *MCA* |
| 9 | (9) | Fine Time | Yazz, *Big Life* |
| 10 | (11) | Hold Me In Your Arms | Rick Astley, *RCA* |

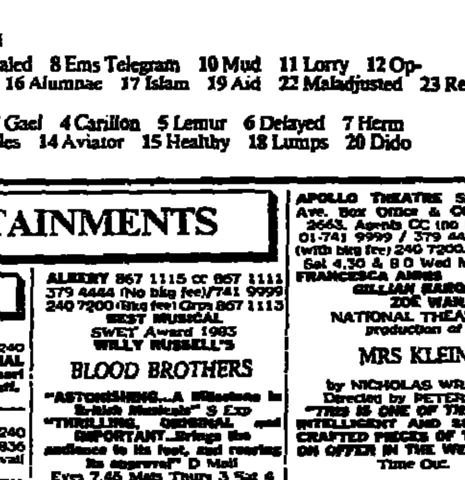
## TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

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| 1 | (–) | A New Flame | Simply Red, *Elektra* |
| 2 | (3) | Anything For You | Gloria Estefan, *Epic* |
| 3 | (1) | The Raw and the Cooked | Fine Young Cannibals, *London* |
| 4 | (9) | Ancient Heart | Tanita Tikaram, *WEA* |
| 5 | (2) | Mystery Girl | Roy Orbison, *Virgin* |
| 6 | (8) | Wanted | Yazz, *Big Life* |
| 7 | (6) | The Legendary Roy Orbison | Roy Orbison, *Telstar* |
| 8 | (32) | Hysteria | Def Leppard, *Bludgeon Riffola* |
| 9 | (10) | The Innocents | Erasure, *Mute* |
| 10 | (7) | Living Years | Mike & Mechanics, *WEA* |

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## CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1802



ACROSS
1 Eric Blair (6,6)
9 Maltese independence leader (7)
10 Roof ends wall (5)
11 Ear projection (4)
12 Without penalty (4-4)
14 Return envelope (1,1,1)
15 French soldier (5)
16 Fizzy drink (3)
18 Indebted (8)
20 Opposed to (4)
22 Non-standard language (5)
23 Apparent (7)
24 Warm autumn spell (6,6)

DOWN
2 Dignify (7)
3 Tumult (4)
4 Capability (13)
5 Just (8)
6 Smouldering coal (5)
7 True subject (5)
8 Underwear laundry (6)
13 Conduct defence (8)
16 Conjunctivitis (7)
17 Photos (6)
18 Lowest male voices (5)
19 Listened to (5)
21 Rigid (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1801
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## WORD-WATCHING

*Answers from page 24*

CAPIAS
(b) A writ which authorizes the arrest of the person named on *it*, the second person singular of the present subjunctive of the Latin *capere* you should seize: "Near Clifford's Inn appeared to stand/Of capiases an ugly band."

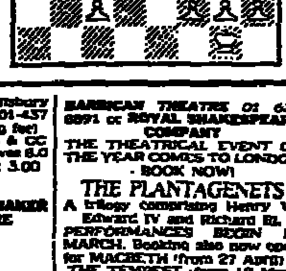
PAOLO
(c) An obsolete papal silver coin named after Pope Paul V in the 17th century: "Manuscript pasquinades sold in coffee-houses for half a paolo a sheet."

PITCHPERSON
(a) American for a person who promotes a product, appeal, etc. with high-pressure talk, from salesman's "pitch": "Forced-march fundraising from public television's pitchpersons."

FEIERABEND
(b) The feeling of "Thank God that's over, now we can have some fun" that comes at the end of the working day, from the German *Feier* celebration + *Abend* evening.

## WINNING MOVE

*By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent*



This position is taken from the game between *Schmid (White) and* Petrosian (Black) played in Germany during the 1960s. White plays and wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: Black wins with 1 Ng3+ and if 2hxg3 Ra8 when ...Rh8 forces mate.


## ENTERTAINMENTS

### OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 cc 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 The Pearl Fishers. Tomor 7.30 Falstaff.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Stdby info 836 6903. S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't 7.30 THE SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET The Sleeping Beauty. Ballet casting info 01 240 9815. Tomor 8.00 THE ROYAL OPERA Un re in ascolto.

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GLOBE THEATRE 01 437 3667/741 9999, First Call 836 3464 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 Evgs 7.45, Sat Mat 3pm
GERALDINE McEWAN SARA KESTELMAN in
LETTICE AND LOVAGE
By PETER SHAFFER with MORAY WATSON Dir MICHAEL BLAKEMORE BEST COMEDY '88 E.Std Award

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THE ROYAL BACCARAT SCANDAL
by ROYCE RYTON Directed by VAL MAY "SCANDALOUS FUN" S.Exp Evgs 7.30 Mats Thurs 2.30 Sat 3

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THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
DAVE WILLETTS CLAIRE MOORE MICHAEL CORMICK Jan Hartley Morris plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Sold out to 30 Sept New booking period to be announced Queue daily for returns

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SEASON EXTENDED UNTIL 27 MAY
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Joely Richardson in STEEL MAGNOLIAS A NEW COMEDY by Robert Harling directed by Julia McKenzie Reduced price previews. From 27 Feb. Opens 7 Mar at 7pm. Eves 8.00. Thu Mat 3.00. Sats 5.00 & 8.30

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PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 24hrs cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 Grps 494 1671 "THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS" Newsweek
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A new play by David Henry Hwang Directed by John Dexter Prevs fr 14 April Opens 20 April

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JEREMY BRETT EDWARD HARDWICKE in
THE SECRET OF SHERLOCK HOLMES
by Jeremy Paul "The best Holmes and Watson I have ever seen" Sunday Express "Both performances are of a high brilliance" Times Lit Supplement. Directed by Patrick Garland Mon-Fri 8.00. Sats. 5.30 & 8.30 Mats Wed 3.00

### ART GALLERIES

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FINE ART SOCIETY 148 New Bond St. W1. 01-629 5116. ... Closing Friday

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ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS, Piccadilly W1. Recorded info: 01-439 4996/7. ITALIAN ART IN THE 20th CENTURY. Open daily 10-6 inc. (reduced rate Sun until 1.45pm).

SPINK, King St, St James's SW1. Royal Institute of Oil Painters Member's Exhibition opening Wed Feb 22nd until 3rd March. Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30. Sat 10-4.

### CINEMAS

CAMDEN PLAZA opp. Camden Tube 485 2443 DOUBLE BILL: Marie Mezaros Diaries: DIARY FOR MY CHILDREN (PG) Progs 1.45 6.30, Part 2 DIARY FOR MY LOVES (PG) Films at 3.50 8.35. Tickets £3.50 for one film. £5.00 for both parts.

CHELSEA CINEMA Kings Road SW3 351 3742 SALAAM BOMBAY (15) Progs. 1.35 3.55, 6.20 8.45. ENDS THURS 23 FEB. STARTS FRI Jean-Loup Hubert's LE GRAND CHEMIN (15). Advance booking Now Open.

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CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. SYLVIA CHANG in MIKE NEWELL'S SOURSWEET (15) Film at 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, & 8.40. "Full of humour and poignancy" Ind.

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ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE 930 6111 Info 930 4250 / 4259. All progs bookable in advance. Credit Card Hot Line (Access/Visa/Amex) 930 3232 or 839 1929. 24 hour service. SLIPSTREAM (PG) Doors open 12.30 3.00 5.45 8.25. Feature 12.45 3.30 6.10 8.50.

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1. Terence Davies's DISTANT VOICES, STILL LIVES (15) Progs 1.20 3.15 5.10 7.10, 9.10. ENDS THURS 24 FEB. STARTS FRI. Mike Leigh's HIGH HOPES (15).
2. Mira Nair's SALAAM BOMBAY (15) Progs 1.35 3.55 ...

# TELEVISION & RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Jane Rackham

## Land of milk and money

### TELEVISION CHOICE

Peter Waymark

● With its references to unpasteurized milk and the government always protecting the farmer, **Heartland** (BBC1, 9.30pm) might sound like a drama torn from the headlines. The subject, however, is not the healthiness of our food but its quantity and how the European Community's milk lakes and butter mountains can spell ruin to British (in this case, Welsh) agriculture. Within this political theme we are given a detailed personal portrait of a family of dairy farmers, father, mother and their two sons, who have their internal conflicts but manage to hold together as an affectionate and close-knit unit. In its domestic scenes *Heartland* is not unlike a farming version of *How Green Was My Valley* and there is the same dichotomy between continuity and change. The farm has been in the family for



**Anthony Hopkins as a taciturn dairy farmer who fights back (BBC1, 9.30pm)**

generations and dad is inclined to the old values. The sons, though, have been busy with the computer and are urging him to move with the times. But this *is* where Europolitics intrude. He agrees to take out a huge loan to build up his dairy herd and double the milk yield, only to find himself being forced to cut back at the behest of the bureaucrats in Brussels. When two of those dark suited gentlemen arrive at his farm on what they intend to be a goodwill mission, he is not prepared to stand by and be polite. Written by Steve Gough from a story by John Berger, *Heartland* carefully interweaves its two strands, the political and personal, until the last 20 minutes or so when melodrama takes over. Anthony Hopkins plays the father, a moving portrait of a taciturn and undemonstrative man who is finally consumed by an uncontrollable anger.

● **Concerning Cancer** (Channel 4, 9.00pm) is a series of films from different production companies giving various perspectives on the disease that kills one Briton in four. In tonight's opener Dr John Cormack summarizes the latest state of knowledge on cause, treatment and avoidance. His main points are that while we are a long way from curing all cancers, progress is encouraging; and that prevention is to a large extent in our own hands. The other programmes follow the battle against cancer by the writer and broadcaster, John Morgan; look at the tobacco industry in China; and compare treatment for breast cancer in Britain and the United States.

## BBC 1

**6.00 Ceefax AM.** News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.
**6.30** *The Flintstones.* Cartoon (r). **6.55** Weather.
**7.00 Breakfast Time** with Jeremy Paxman and Kirsty Wark. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27. 8.55** Regional news and weather
**9.00** News and weather followed by **Open Air.** Viewers air their views on yesterday's television programmes.
**9.20 Kilroy!** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on whether or not women prefer older men
**10.00** News and weather followed by **Going for Gold.** General knowledge quiz presented by Henry Kelly (r).
**10.25 Children's BBC** introduced by Andy Crane begins with **Playbus 10.50 The Wombles,** *narrated by* Bernard Cribbins (r). **10.55 Five to Eleven.** Robert Eddison with a reading.
**11.00** News and weather followed by **Open Air** with Eamonn Holmes and Bob Wellings. Includes graphologist Diane Simpson analyzing the handwriting of a mystery guest.
**12.00** News and weather followed by **Daytime Live** presented by Alan Titchmarsh, Sue Cook and Floella Benjamin. *Today's edition includes* further advice for those dependant upon tranquillizers. **12.55** Regional news and weather
**1.00 One O'Clock News** with Philip Hayton. Weather
**1.30 Neighbours.** Henry discovers who is trying to sabotage his business; *and Gail* leaves *Paul* angry and frustrated when she goes horseriding with her admirer **1.50 Going for Gold.** European general knowledge quiz presented by Henry Kelly
**2.15 Film: The Young in Heart** (1938, b/w) starring Douglas Fairbanks Jr, Janet Gaynor, Paulette Goddard and Roland Young. Comedy about a family of confidence tricksters who latch on to a wealthy old lady with the intention of fleecing her of her fortune, but she proves more than a match for them. Directed by Richard Wallace.
**3.50 Green Claws** with Nick Mercer and Stella Goodier **4.10 Touche Turtle 4.15 Jackanory.** Victoria Wood *with part two of Roald Dahl's Matilda* **4.25 Hokey Wolf**
**4.35 The Really Wild Show** presented by Terry Nutkins, Nick Davies and Chris Packham. This week's *edition of the nature magazine* includes the world's strongest crab; five barn owls flying in the studio; and the sight of 18,000 Scottish geese taking-off.
**5.00 Newsround 5.10 Grange Hill.** Episode 15 of the 20-part serial. (Ceefax)
**5.35 Neighbours** (r).
**6.00 Six O'Clock News** with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton.
**6.30 London Plus.**
**7.00 Tomorrow's World.** Includes news of a substance contained in crab and lobster shells that is being used to preserve fruit; a more comfortable version of the traditional shooting stick; and a harness to help golfers swing properly.
**7.30 EastEnders.** Den leaves the prison for the courtroom; Guido confides in Pauline; and Kathy agrees to see Pete for the first time *since leaving the Square.* (Ceefax)
**8.00 The Good Life.** Tom and Barbara persuade Margo to join them at evening classes — a move that *delights Jerry who can now, once a* week, enjoy curry and chips in front of the television. Starring Richard Briers, Felicity Kendall, Penelope Keith and Paul Eddington (r).
**8.30 A Question of Sport** introduced by David Coleman. This week Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Grace Jackson, Dewi Morris, Gary Mason and Dean Saunders. (Ceefax)
**9.00 Nine O'Clock News** with Michael Buerk. *Regional news and weather.*
**9.30 Play on One: Heartland.** (Ceefax) (see Choice)
**11.00 Film 89.** Among the films reviewed by Barry Norman are *Things Change* and *Rain Man.*
**11.30 The BBC Diet Programme.** The first of six programmes on the healthy way to lose weight, presented by Barbara Dickson and Roy Noble (r).
**12.00 Weather.**

## ITV/LONDON

**6.00 TV-am** begins with **News and The Morning Programme** introduced by Richard Keys; **7.00 News** followed by **Good Morning Britain** *presented by Mike Morris and* Kathy Tayler; **8.00 News; 9.00 News and After Nine** which includes items on the latest swimwear and removal of red veins by electrolysis.
**9.25 The Pyramid Game.** Quiz game hosted by Steve Jones. The guests are Debbie Rix and Anthony H. Wilson **9.55 Thames news and weather**
**10.00 The Time... The Place...** Topical discussion series
**10.40 This Morning.** Magazine programme presented by Paul Jones and *Fiona Hendley.* Today's edition includes an update of the *Find a Family* campaign; knitting advice; and personal safety hints.
**12.10 Rod, Jane & Freddy.** For the young **12.30** *A Country Practice.* Medical drama series set in a remote Australian sheep township.
**1.00 News at One** with Julia Somerville. Weather **1.20 Thames** *news and weather*
**1.30 Take Six Cooks.** Robert May, Chef Patissier of the Hyatt Carlton Hotel, London, prepares dessert (r). **2.00 Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased).** Comedy detective series starring Mike Pratt and Kenneth Cope (r).
**3.00** *Give Us a Clue.* Celebrity mime game chaired by Michael Parkinson. This afternoon Lionel Blair and Liza Goddard are joined by Michael Cashman, Nula Conwell, Suzanne Dando, Derek Griffiths, Gillian Taylforth and Bernie Winters.
**3.25** Thames news and weather **3.30 The Young Doctors.** Medical drama series set in a large Australian city hospital
**4.00 The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin 4.20 T-Bag and the Revenge of the** *T-Set starring Elizabeth Estensen* and John Hasler. **4.45 Count Duckula,** with the voice of David Jason
**5.10 Home and Away.** Australian drama serial about a couple and their five foster children.
**5.40 News** with Alastair Stewart. Weather **5.55 Thames news** and weather followed by **Crimestoppers.**
**6.20 Find a Family.** The campaign to find permanent homes for children in care
**6.30 Headliners.** Quiz game about newspaper stories, presented by Derek Jameson. This week Nigel Dempster and Philippa Kennedy are joined by Linda Lusardi, Lawrie McMenemy, Jean Marsh and Gorden Kaye.
**7.00 Hitman.** A new memory game show hosted by Nick Owen.
**7.30 Only When I Laugh.** Comedy series set in the men's ward of a general hospital. Starring James Bolam, Peter Bowles and Christopher Strauli (r).
**8.00 The Bill.** A CID drugs bust led by DI Burnside goes badly wrong when the two schoolgirls thought to be distributors are searched and nothing is found. (Oracle)
**8.30 After Henry.** Comedy series about a middle-aged woman coping with widowhood, an intrusive mother *and an independently-minded* teenage daughter. Starring Prunella Scales, Joan Sanderson and Janine Wood (r).
**9.00 Hannay.** Richard Hannay has a *nightmare journey while travelling on* the Trans European Express from Venice. Starring Robert Powell. (Oracle)
**10.00 News at Ten** with Alastair Burnet *and Carol Barnes.* Weather **10.30** Thames news and weather
**10.35 Magnum.** The Hawaii-based private investigator solves another sun-drenched mystery.
**11.30 Shady Tales.** Adam Faith stars as an indolent private eye.
**11.45 Cockney Snooker Classic** for the Mecca Bookmakers Trophy, introduced by Tony Francis.
**12.45am The Twilight Zone.** Two tales of the supernatural
**1.30 Books By My Bedside.** The reading matter of Anne Dickson, a self-assertiveness expert.
**2.00** News headlines followed by **Film: Someone is Bleeding** (1974) starring Alain Delon. Drama about a man *who suspects a beautiful woman he* meets on a lonely beach is being held hostage in an isolated villa. Directed by Georges Lautner.
**4.00** News headlines followed by **Superstars of Wrestling.**
**5.00 ITN Morning News.** Ends at **6.00.**

## BBC 2

**6.55 Open University:** Technology — Getting Started With Your Computer Ends at **7.20. 9.00 Ceefax**
**9.30 Daytime on Two:** the demands of secondary science **10.00** *Spanish* for beginners **10.15** Look and read **10.40** What the Euro-tunnellers have learnt from Brunel **11.00** Shopping past and present **11.18** The Logo turtle **11.35** *Moving to* a new home and a new school **12.00** A-level statistics **12.20** Electromagnetic spectrum **12.40** Using GCSE maths at work **1.00** German for beginners.
**1.25 Bertha** (r). **1.40 Outlook.** Museum of the Welsh Woollen Industry
**2.00 News** and weather followed by **You and Me** (r). **2.15 See Hear!** (r). **2.40** *Seabrook Down Under* (r).
**3.00 News** and weather followed by **Chronicle: Orpheus and the Gentleman Farmer.** The story of the restoration of a mosaic *commissioned in AD350 by a* Roman farming what is now the Littlecote Estate (r) **3.50 News,** regional news and weather.
**4.00 Why Not Try? Skiing** (r).
**4.30** *Tennis Legends.* Roger Taylor plays Pierre Barthes.
**5.00 Games People Play.** History of board games (r). **5.10 Horizon: Gaze in Wonder** (r). (Ceefax)
**6.00 Film: Tail of a Tiger** (1984) starring Grant Navin and Gordon Poole. An Australian-made story *about a 10-year-old boy obsessed* with vintage airplanes. Directed by Rolf de Heer.
**7.20 Dennis O'Neill and Friends.** The tenor is joined by Irish soprano *Suzanne Murphy and Welsh* harpist Caryl Thomas, with the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra conducted by Andrew Greenwood.
**8.00 Open Space: What Price "The Dream on the Hill"?** The story of the University of Keele.
**8.30 Food and Drink** investigates the *current food controversy. What can* we eat and how real are the risks?
**9.00 Moonlighting.** Comedy detective series
**9.50 Moving Stories.** The third of six programmes about the pitfalls surrounding house sales.
**10.30 Newsnight**
**11.15 The Late Show** examines the myths and realities of Broadway; and the trial of the Czech playwright Vaclav Havel. **11.55 Weather.**

## CHANNEL 4

**8.30 Sesame Street. 9.30 Schools**
**12.00 The Parliament Programme**
**12.30** *Business Daily.*
**1.00 Interviewing** (r). (Oracle) **1.30 I Could Do That** (r) (Oracle)
**2.00 Film: Dr Kildare's Wedding Day** (1941, b/w) starring Lew Ayres. *Medical drama directed by* Harold S. Bucquet. **3.30 Espolio.** Animated *film from Canada.*
**3.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show** With women who surround themselves with self-made dramas in order to make their lives more interesting.
**4.30 Countdown.**
**5.00 The Lone Ranger** (b/w) Vintage Western adventures
**5.30 Broken Silence.** This fourth of 13 Spanish documentaries concentrates *on infancy in aquatic species.*
**6.00 Marblehead Manor.** American comedy series about an eccentric millionaire, his wife and domestic staff.
**6.30 Talking Shop.** The first of a series of six programmes about the battle for survival of a group of shops in Mortlake Terrace, Kew (r) (Oracle)
**7.00 Channel 4 News** with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen.
**7.50 Comment** followed by **Weather.**
**8.00 Singing For Dear Life** The second of three programmes of songs covering all aspects of East End of London life between 1880 and 1914. (Oracle)
**8.30 4 What It's Worth.** Susan Osman *investigates businesses run by an* undischarged bankrupt; Bill Breckon discovers how difficult it is to get damages if a surveyor fails to spot dry rot or structural faults, and David Stafford has *Which?* magazine's report on diets.
**9.00 Concerning Cancer: The Nature** *of the Problem. (see Choice)*
**10.00 Hill Street Blues.** Goldblume investigates the mass killing of a sleeping family
**11.00 Out on Tuesday.** Current affairs and arts magazine for lesbians and gays, introduced by Bea Campbell. This week's edition *includes Ruth Rendell* investigating feminist detective novels.
**12.00 Kassav'.** A West Indian group singing in Creole at the Zenith in *Paris*
**1.10am Manu Dibango** The Cameroon multi-instrumentalist in concert with the Black Blanc Beur Dance Company Ends at **2.10.**

## SATELLITE

### SKY CHANNEL

**6.00** DJ Kat Show *incl* **8.05** *Dennis:* comedy series and **8.30** Skippy: adventure series
**9.00** The Lucy Show: comedy series
**9.30** Nescafe UK Top 50
**10.30** Sky *by Day:* magazine show with Tony Blackburn and Jenny Hanley
**11.30** The Sullivans: drama series **12.00** Another World: drama series **1.00** General Hospital: drama series **2.00** As the World Turns: drama series **3.00** Loving: drama series **3.30** Family Affair: comedy series **4.00** Countdown by Sony Tape **5.00** The Young Doctors: drama series **5.30** Three's Company: comedy series
**6.00** Sky Star Search: variety and talent show **7.00** Sale of the Century: game show **7.30** Frank Bough's World: Gold River Run, a documentary about a dangerous journey down the wild Watut River in Papua New Guinea
**8.30** The Lancaster Miller Affair: mini series (last part)
**10.30** Matt Helm: action series **11.30** The Insiders: action series
**12.30** Dean Clough Concerts, featuring the Borante Trio
**1.00** Arts Channel Programmes starting with Scarlatti Sonatas and Old English Harpsichord Music
**2.00** Repercussions — Sit Down and Listen **3.00** Guitar Festival Concert
**3.30** Landscape Channel Programmes

### SKY NEWS

**News on the hour**
**6.30am** *European Business Channel* **9.30** Morning Magazine **11.30 Our World 12.30** NBC Today **2.30** Good Health **3.30** Our World **4.30** Beyond 2000 **5.30** The Reporters
**6.30pm** Wild West End **7.30** Beyond 2000 **8.30** The Frank Bough Interview **9.30** The Reporters **10.30** *Target — Austin Mitchell MP* and Norman Tebbit MP **11.30** NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw
**12.30** Wild West End **2.30** Frank Bough Interview **3.30** The Reporters **4.30** *Beyond 2000* **5.30** *Entertainment* Tonight

### SKY MOVIES

**4.00pm Fatso** *(1980).* Comedy about an overweight American's attempts to diet after the death of his obese cousin. Starring Dom DeLuise and directed by Anne Bancroft.
**6.00** *The Pirate Movie (1982).* Spoof based on the *Pirates of Penzance.* With Kirsty McNichol. Directed by Ken Annakin.
**8.00 Moving Violations** (1985). Wacky comedy about a group of drivers who are forced to attend a traffic school. Directed by Neal Israel.
**10.00 Capone** (1975). Ben Gazzara and Sylvester Stallone star in the story of the prohibition gangster. Directed by Steve Carver.

### EUROSPORT

**10.30am** *Shell International Motor Sport*
**11.30** World Nordic Skiing Championships from Lahti in Finland
**12.30** World Handball Championships *from Paris*
**1.30** Snooker — World Match Play Championship
**2.30** Rugby Union — France v Wales
**3.30** Benson and Hedges World Series *Cricket* — Australia v West Indies
**4.30** Preview of Eurosport Programmes
**6.00** World's Strongest Man
**7.00** World Nordic Skiing Championships
**8.00** World Handball Championships
**9.00** Snooker World Matchplay Championship
**10.00** European Cup-Ice Hockey
**11.00** Benson and Hedges World Series Cricket
**12.00** Closedown

### MTV

**6.00am** MTV! **11.00** Remote Control **11.30** Kino **12.30** MTV! **2.30** Marcel Vanthilt **4.00** 3 from 1 at 5 **4.15** Maiken Wexo **5.30** Club MTV
**6.00pm** *MTV at the Movies* **6.30** Remote Control **7.00** MTV's European Top 20 **7.00** MTV's European Top 20 **8.00** Steve Blame Show **8.30** Ray Cokes **10.00** *MTV at the Movies* **10.30** *Marcel* Vanthilt **11.00** Your Scene — Country Time
**12.00** Club MTV **12.30** Night Videos

## VARIATIONS

**BBC1** WALES: **6.30pm-7.00** Wales Today **9.30** Party Political Broadcast (Plaid Cymru) **9.35** Week In Week Out **10.00-11.30** Play on One: Heartland **12.00** News and weather **SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00** Dousman **6.30pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.30** Neighbours **6.55-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **ENGLAND: 6.30pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

**BBC2** WALES: **11.55pm-12.00** Party Political Broadcast (Plaid Cymru)

**ANGLIA** As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30-3.00** Film: The Big City **5.10-5.40** Headliners **5.55-6.20** About Anglia **6.30** Home and Away **7.00** Emmerdale Farm **7.30-8.00** Anglia Reports **10.35** Folio **11.05** Film: Man Who Shot Liberty Valance **1.25am** *Ben Casey* **2.30** Cinematractions **3.00** America's Top 10 **3.30** Heart of the City **4.30-5.00** Vietnam.

**BORDER** As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** 9 to 5 **1.20** News **1.30** Wallace **2.00-3.00** Charlie's Angels **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.55-6.20** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **7.30-8.00** Headliners **10.35** Pool **11.35** Ice Hockey **12.30am** Kojak **1.30** Chart Show **2.30** America's Top 10 **3.00** Cinematractions **3.30** Books By My Bedside **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder

**CENTRAL** As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Something to Treasure **1.20** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Quiet Woman **5.10-5.40** Headliners **5.55-6.20** News **6.30** Home and Away **7.00** Emmerdale Farm **7.30-8.00** Hometown **10.35** Sledge Hammer **11.05** Ice Hockey **12.00** *Film: King of the Gypsies* **2.05am** The Best of Central Weekend **3.35** Vietnam **4.05-5.00** Jobfinder

**CHANNEL** As London except: **1.20pm** News **2.00-3.00** Charlie's Angels **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-6.20** Channel Report **10.35** Film: Someone's Watching Me **12.20am** Donahue **1.30** Books By My Bedside **2.05** The Fugitive **3.05** Night Beat **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Vietnam

**GRAMPIAN** As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20-1.30** Grampian news **2.00-3.00** Country Practice **5.55-6.20** North Tonight **6.30** Take the High Road **7.00-7.30** Strike It Lucky **10.35** End of the Line **11.35** *Ice Hockey* **12.30am** Kojak **1.30** Chart Show **2.30** America's Top Ten **3.00** Cinematractions **3.30** Books my by Bedside **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

**GRANADA** As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** Granada Reports **1.30-3.00** *Film: The Beachcomber* **3.30-4.00** *Sons* and Daughters **5.55-6.20** Granada Reports **10.35** Voices for Change **11.35** Ice Hockey **12.30am** Kojak **1.30** Chart Show **2.30** America's Top 10 **3.00** Cinematractions **3.30** Books by my Bedside **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

**HTV WEST** As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30** Falcon Crest **2.00-3.00** Country Practice **5.55-6.20** News **10.35** Channel Traders **11.05** Donahue **12.00** Film: Vanishing Point **1.40am** Film: St Helens — Killer Volcano **3.20** 60 Minutes **4.20** About Britain **4.50-5.00** Jobfinder.

**HTV WALES** As HTV West except: **5.55pm** Party Political Broadcast (Plaid Cymru) **6.00-6.20** Wales at Six **10.35-11.05** Exploration and Adventure

**TSW** As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20** News **1.30** Jack Thompson Down Under **2.00-3.00** Falcon Crest **6.00-6.20** Today **7.30pm-8.00** Gardens for All **10.35** One and All — A Question of Cornwall **11.35** Encounter **12.00** On the Live Side **12.30am** Kojak **1.30** Chart Show **2.30** America's Top 10 **3.00** Cinematractions **3.20** Books by my Bedside **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Farming News.

**TVS** As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **2.00-3.00** Charlie's Angels **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.55-6.20** Coast to Coast **10.35** Film: *Someone's Watching Me!* **12.20am** Donahue **1.30** Books by my Bedside **2.05** The Fugitive **3.05** Night Beat **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Vietnam.

**TYNE TEES** As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Short Story Theatre **1.20** News **1.30** Nexus **2.00-3.00** Country Practice **5.55-6.20** North Tonight **10.35** Special Squad **11.35** Ice Hockey **12.30am** Kojak **1.30** Chart Show **2.30** America's Top 10 **3.00** Cinematractions **3.30** Books by my Bedside **4.00** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

**ULSTER** As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Sons and Daughters **1.20** Ulster Newstime **1.30** Home Work **1.45** Portrait of a Legend **2.15** Invitation to Remember **2.45-3.00** Kitchen Garden **3.30-4.00** Glenroe **6.00-6.20** Six Tonight **10.35** Spectrum **11.05** One Man and His Job **11.35** Ice Hockey **12.30am** Kojak **1.30** Chart Show **2.30** America's Top 10 **3.00** Cinematractions **3.30** Books by my Bedside **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder

**YORKSHIRE** As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20** News **1.30** What a Picture! **2.00-3.00** Falcon Crest **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.55-6.20** Calendar **10.35** Missing the Silver Lining **11.05** Hammer House of Mystery **12.30am** Spanish Connection 1 30 **Three's Company** 2 00 **60 Minutes** 3 00 **Music Box** 4 00 **About Britain** 4 30-5 00 **Jobfinder.**

**S4C** Starts: **8.30am** Open College **9.30** Schools **12.10pm** Pobol Y Cwm **12.30** Newyddion **12.35** Garabalam **1.00** Parliament Programme **1.30** Business Daily **2.00** Scottish Eye **2.30** Scarecrow and Mrs King **3.30** Hollywood **4.30** Countdown **5.00** *Wagon Train* **6.00** Newyddion **6.15** Hafoc **6.40** Pobol Y Cwm **7.00** Awyr Iach **7.30** Llygad Yr Haul **8.00** Y Brodyr Gregory **8.30** Darlledied Gwleidyddol **8.35** Newyddion **9.00** Mestri Fienna **10.25** Arolwg II **10.55** thirtysomething **12.00** Out on Tuesday **1.00am** Closedown.

**RTE 1** Starts: **2.35pm** *Changing Faces* **3.00** 'Live' at Three **4.00** Emmerdale Farm **4.30** The Defenders **5.30** Country Practice **6.00** Angelus **6.01** Six-One **7.00** Rapid Roulette **7.30** A Growing Obsession **8.00** Molloy **8.30** Check Up **9.00** News **9.30** Today Tonight **10.10** Tuesday Documentary **10.50** Never the Twain **11.20** News. Closedown.

**NETWORK 2** Starts: **2.30pm** Bosco **3.00** SuperTed **3.10** Snorks **3.40** Wind in the Willows **4.10** How Do You Do? **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.40** Wildfire **5.25** ALF **6.00** Jo-Maxi **6.30** Home and Away **7.00** Nuacht **7.05** Cursai **7.30** Glenroe **8.00** Streets of San Francisco **9.00** Cheers **9.30** What If It's Raining? **10.30** Network News **10.50** Nighthawks **11.35** Closedown.

## RADIO 1

**VHF** Stereo — in London *(104.8), the Midlands (96.4), the* North (98.8), South Wales, Avon and Somerset (98.7), Oxfordshire (98.2), central Scotland (98.6) and Belfast (96.0) and **MW** News on the half-hour from **6.30** am until **8.30** pm, then at **10.30** and **12.30** am.
**5.30am** *Adrian John* **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary *Davies* **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Oldies and Advertising **8.30** John Peel **10.30** Nicky Campbell **12.30-2.00** Richard Skinner.

## RADIO 2

**VHF** Stereo and **MW** (medium wave).
News on the hour
**4.00am** Alan Dedicoat **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** *David Jacobs* **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Steve Race with The Radio Orchestra Show **9.00** When Housewives Had the *Choice?* **10.00** Time Cycle **10.30** Dealing with Daniels **11.00** Brian Matthew with Round Midnight **1.00**am *Bill Rennells with* Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

### WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT.
7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours followed by Financial News 7.30 Europe's World 7.45 Network UK 8.00 World News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 Health Matters 8.30 Megamix 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 9.45 The Intimate Brahms 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Discovery 10.30 Sports International 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Waveguide 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 1 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 24 Hours followed by Financial News 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Recording of the Week 2.00 Outlook opening with World News 2.45 The Intimate Brahms 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 A Jolly Good Show 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Omnibus 4.45 The World Today 5.00 World News 5.09 Commentary 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 Londres Soir 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 Programmes in German 8.00 World News 8.09 The World Today 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Meridian 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 Business Matters 9.30 Megamix 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 International Recital 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Omnibus 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.25 Financial News 1.30 How It All Began 1.45 The Sound of Scotland 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Health Matters 2.30 Citizens 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Discovery 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 The World Today 4.45 Morgenmagazin 5.45 5.49 News Headlines 5.55 Financial News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin

## RADIO 3

**6.55** Weather followed by News *Headlines*
**7.00** Morning Concert: Chopin (Concert rondo "Krakowiak": *LPO under* Eliahu Inbal with Claudio Arrau, piano); Mozart (Divertimento in B flat, K 186: Berlin Philharmonic Winds)
**7.30** News
**7.35** Morning Concert (contd): *Mozart (Overture to Figaro:* Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Marriner); *Strauss (Serenade for* Winds, Op 7: Netherlands Winds Ensemble under Edo de Waart); Smetana (Overture, Furiant, and Clowns' Dance from The Bartered Bride: Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra *under* Vaclav Neumann); Bach (Concerto for two violins, BWV 1043: Academy *of St Martin-in-the-Fields* with Gidon Kremer); Saint-Saëns (Valse-caprice "Wedding Cake": CBSO under Frémaux with Maria de la Pau, piano)
**8.30** News
**8.35** Composers of the Week: *Franck. Prélude, choral et* fugue: Alfred Cortot (piano); Le Chasseur maudit: Boston SO under Munch; Le Mariage des roses and La Procession: Bruno Laplante (baritone) with Janine Lachance (piano); Variations *symphoniques: Toulouse* Capitole Orchestra under Plasson with Jean-Philippe Collard (piano)
**9.35** French Viol Duets: Sarah Cunningham *and Wendy* Gillespie (viols) with Mitzi Meyerson (harpsichord) play Boismortier's Suite for two viols, Op 10 No 3; Le Sieur *de Sainte colombe's* L'estonné and Le raporté; and Marais's Suite No 5 in D minor (r)
**10.20** Janacek and Sibelius: *Janacek (Suite for* Orchestra Op 3: Lausanne CO under Lawrence Foster); and Sibelius (Symphony No 7 in C: Bavarian RSO under *Colin Davis)*
**11.00** BBC Singers: David Jones conducts Borish Blacher's Vocalises; and *Nicholas* Maw's Five Irish Songs
**11.30** *Ulster Orchestra:* Nicholas Cleobury conducts Parry's Overture to an Unwritten Tragedy; *Gerald Barry's Of* Queens' Gardens; Ethel Smyth's Concerto for violin and horn; Elgar's Funeral March (Grania and Diarmid); *and Howard Ferguson's* Partita. With Peter Manning (violin) and Jonathan Williams (horn)
**1.00** News
**1.05** BBC Lunchtime Concert from Glasgow: Kontra Quartet play Martinu's String Quartet No 2; Schoenberg's Scherzo; and Langgaard's String Quartet No 2
**2.00** The Master of His Instrument: Andrew Lyle introduces all the Brahms chamber works for clarinet, inspired by the virtuoso Richard Mühlfeld. Clarinet Sonatas Op 120: Andrew *Marriner* (clarinet) with Alan Graville (piano); Clarinet Trio Op 114: Reginald Kell (clarinet) *with Anthony Pini* (cello) and Louis Kentner (piano); Clarinet Quintet Op 115: Keith Puddy (clarinet) with the Delmé String Quartet. Includes Dr Richard Mühlfeld's reminiscences of his grandfather
**4.05** Joubert and Richard Rodney Bennett: Tracey Chadwell (soprano) *accompanied* by Pamela Lidiard performs Joubert's The Tuning Wheel Op 95; and *Richard* Rodney Bennett's A Garland for Marjory Fleming
**4.40** Alfredo Campoli: The violinist plays Saint-Saëns's *Introduction and Rondo* capriccioso (with LSO under Anatole Fistoulari); Lalo's Symphonie espagnole (with LPO under Eduard van Beinum); and Kreisler's La Chasse, and La Gitana (with Eric Gritton, piano)
**5.30** *Mainly for Pleasure: With* Brian Wright
**7.00** News
**7.05** Third Ear: A conversation with the Glaswegian writer *James Kelman, author of* the novel *A Disaffection,* which is due to be published this week
**7.30** Drama Now: Discobolus by John *Spurling. With* Norman Rodway, Imelda Staunton and Struan Rodger (see Choice)
**9.10** Haydn: Symphony No 89 in *F: Philharmonia Hungarica* under Antal Dorati
**9.35** The Fires of London (new series): John Carewe conducts Maxwell Davies's Revelation and Fall; Missa l'homme armé; and Vesalii Icones. With Mary Thomas (soprano)
**11.00** Composers of the Week: Mendelssohn. Concerto in E for two pianos and orchestra; Fantasia in F *sharp minor* Op 28 (Sonate écossaise); and Overture to The Hebrides (Fingal's Cave) (r)
**12.00** News
**12.05** Closedown

## RADIO 4

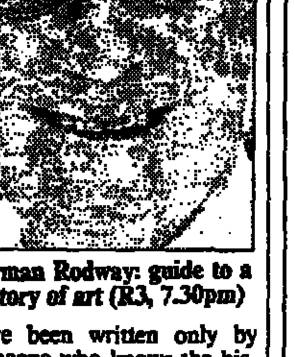
**LW** (s) Stereo on **VHF**
**5.55** Shipping Forecast
**6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
**6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 8.30** News, **6.55, 7.55** Weather, **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather
**9.00** News
**9.05** Call Nick Ross: Phone-in discussion on the subject of religious intolerance. Studio guests are Aziz Azmeh, professor of Islamic studies at Exeter and Keith Ward, professor of history and *philosophy of religion at* King's College London. To participate telephone 01-580 4411.
**10.00** News; Medicine Now with Geoff Watts
**10.30** Morning Story: The Business Launch by Mark Bourne. Read by Roy Noble
**10.45** Daily Service (s)
**11.00** News; Citizens
**11.25** From Our Own Correspondent
**11.50** Young Dr Taylor: Last of *three programmes. Graeme* Garden reads General Practitioner in a London Suburb, 1870s, from the memoirs of Dr Henry Shinglewood Taylor
**12.00** News; You and Yours with Debbie Thrower
**12.25** My Music: Steve Race chairs the musical panel game played by John Amis, Frank Muir, Ian Wallace and Denis Norden (s) **12.55** Weather
**1.00** The World at One
**1.40** The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
**2.00** News; Woman's Hour: Includes a feature on the problems faced by men who have lost custody of their children; *plus an interview* with Hilary Mantel, author of *Eight Months on Ghazzah Street,* which is also a 12-part serial starting today, *and with Lisa Anderson,* managing director of RCA Records; plus a look at the exhibition *La France: Images of women and ideas of a nation 1789-1989* at the Hayward Gallery
**3.00** News; Shaz, Dez, Gaz and Baz: Play by Chris Thompson about an interesting and wacky educational theory. With Christian Rodska (s)
**3.22** *Richard Baker Compares* Notes: Interview with harpsichord players Trevor Pinnock and Ruth Dyson about the revival of the instrument (s)
**4.00** News
**4.05** The Local Network: Neil Walker and David Clayton *meet people from market* traders to town cryers who shout for a living
**4.30** Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
**5.00** PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather.
**6.00** Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
**6.30** After Henry: Sitcom with Prunella Scales (s)
**7.00** News **7.05** The Archers
**7.20** File on 4: By 1995 the number of people aged between 16 and 24 will have *fallen by 1.2 million.* Felicity Goodey reports on the crisis facing British industry caused by the sharp drop in the numbers of school leavers.
**8.00** The Radio 4 Debates (new series): Brian Redhead chairs the first of four university debates, held this week in the debating *chamber of the Oxford* Union Society. Lord Preston, Labour Party *education spokesman,* proposes the motion "that the nation is failing to invest in the future of the universities". His adversary *is Robert Jackson, MP,* minister for higher education
**9.00** *The Best Day of My Life:* Star of *Les Miserables* and *Phantom of the Opera,* Dave Willetts, talks to Marjorie Lofthouse (r)
**9.15** *In Touch: Magazine for the* visually handicapped
**9.45** Kaleidoscope: Nigel Andrews reports from the Berlin Film Festival; and Natalie Wheen talks to singer-songwriter Elvis Costello (s)
**10.15** A Book At Bedtime: Opposite the Cross Keys by *Sylvia Haymon (2 of 12).* **10.29** Weather.
**10.30** The World Tonight
**11.15** The Financial World Tonight
**11.30** Today in Parliament
**12.00** News incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast.
**VHF** as **LW** except: **11.00am-12.00** *For Schools* **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30-12.10am** Open University: **11.30** Living with Technology **11.50** Artists and Antiquity **12.30-1.10** Schools Night-Time.

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## RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

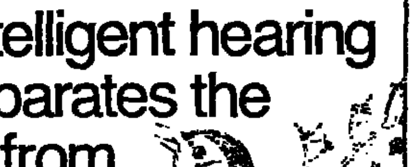
● Whatever charges of verbosity can be laid at his door, John Spurling, writer of **Discobolus** (Radio 3, 7.30pm), cannot be accused of presenting a conventional view of art because the play's *dramatis personae* not only includes Goethe and Hitler but the 18th-century authority on the art of Ancient Greece, Johann Winckelmann, and a 1980s German expressionist painter who has become bogged down in nihilism. It is a strikingly inventive piece, and it could



**Norman Rodway: guide to a history of art (R3, 7.30pm)**

have been written only by someone who knows the history of art like the back of his hand (Spurling is an art critic) and is also a bit impatient with anyone who cannot keep up with him. There is a key sentence, spoken by Norman Rodway's Goethe, that gives a clue to what I think the play is trying to tell us. Addressing the young 1980s painter (Imelda Staunton), whom he takes back through the centuries to help her get rid of her share of the burden of guilt that her country carries for having spawned a man like Hitler, he tells her: "We should never appreciate the Greek ideal so much if we weren't at home with the Brothers Grimm."


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# Scene of devastation at the paras' camp hit by the IRA



After the attack: The whole middle section of the accommodation block at Clive Barracks, Tern Hill, was destroyed by the three bomb blasts. Sleeping soldiers were warned by sentries just minutes before the explosions.

## Couple are held up in bedroom

By Craig Seton and Ian Smith

A builder told yesterday how he and his wife were confronted in their bedroom by one of the escaping terrorist bombers who told them they had five seconds to hand over their car keys or be shot. Then the gunman started counting.

Mr Arthur Simpson, aged 55, and his wife Carmel, aged 51, were in bed at their house at Milestone Bungalow, a mile from the Tern Hill barracks, when they heard a voice downstairs at about 3.30am.

Mr Simpson, who runs a bricks and tile building contracting company at Rose Hill, said his wife got out of bed to investigate the voice and looked out of a window.

It was then that he realized the voice was coming from downstairs.

Mr Simpson said: "I heard an Irish voice shout 'Where are you?' Then the door burst open and a gunman came in and pointed an automatic pistol at us.

"He said, 'I will give you five seconds to give us the keys or I will shoot you'. Then he started counting and I told him the keys were in the car which was in the garage."

A minute after the gunman left the house, he burst back into the bedroom and said, "Unless you give me the keys I will shoot her", and pointed the gun at Mrs Simpson.

The gunman, who held a scarf over his head and face so that only his eyes were showing, escaped with the car.

Mr Simpson said the police told him the man had also tried to steal a car from the Rose Hill nurseries, owned by Mr Brian Fleet, 100 yards along the A41 towards the base.

# Police link barracks blast to Clapham bomb factory

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

**The Parachute Regiment, whose motto is *Utrinque Paratus* (Ready for Anything), has had a history of clashes with the IRA (writes Michael Evans). In February 1972 a car bomb exploded outside their officers' mess at Aldershot. Five civilian women workers and two men, one a Roman Catholic Army padre, were killed. Seven years later, the IRA murdered 18 soldiers, including 16 members of the 2nd Battalion (2 Para), when they were ambushed by a double bomb attack at Warrenpoint near the Irish border. The regiment has completed nine tours of duty in Northern Ireland. The 2nd Battalion is due to arrive in Aldershot on Thursday for a two-year posting. It will replace the 3rd Battalion which is moving to Northern Ireland.**

Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist experts believe yesterday's bombing of Tern Hill Army Barracks in Shropshire could be the work of the two IRA bombers who fled from a Clapham, south London, bomb factory two months ago.

The two are believed to have been planning a full campaign against military targets in mainland Britain using home-made mortars which would have had a devastating effect on the many "soft" targets presented by military bases.

After the men vanished, a search of their flat revealed that a substantial amount of Semtex plastic explosive had also gone.

Police later linked the men to last August's attack on the Inglis barracks, in which one soldier died and nine were injured. That attack and yesterday's had marked similarities.

Dedicated and tough, the two men are thought to be too resourceful to flee at the first sign of police pressure. Instead of escaping from Britain, they probably went to ground.

From an artist's impression, the Yard has positively identified one man as Patrick Sheehy, aged 28, an unemployed labourer from Limerick, in the Irish Republic.

The second man has never been publicly identified. Police found a photograph of him in the Clapham flat wearing glasses which were left behind and found to be simply a disguise.

The two men were operating completely unknown to police or intelligence officers and were discovered by accident days before Christmas. A youth tried to get into a parked car in a side street in Clapham. Suddenly, a gunmen sat up in the back seat and opened fire, wounding him before fleeing into nearby flats.

When police arrived and searched the building, they found the gunman and a second man had vanished from one of the flats, leaving behind them a weapons factory.

Devices under construction in the flat are said to have included sophisticated bombs and a home-made mortar system similar to those used with great effect in Ulster.

The blast at the Inglis barracks at Mill Hill, north London, was the IRA's first successful attack in mainland Britain for four years. It killed one young soldier and wounded another nine at the Force's postal centre last August.

Scotland Yard detectives suspect the attack was carried out by two men seen walking into the military compound the previous night carrying a bag.

They are thought to have opened a rear door into the building and to have concealed the bomb, on a short timer, on the ground floor. When the bomb went off next morning, the robust Victorian structure of the building took the brunt of the blast, saving many lives.

Within a day, the IRA had not only claimed responsibility for the bombing but warned civilians to stay away from other bases which would be attacked.

## Sentry opens fire in terrorist bomb raid

Continued from page 1

gunpoint and stole their car. In spite of roadblocks thrown up around the area by West Mercia police, the two bombers escaped. West Mercia police said last night that the stolen red grey Montego car, registration number E123 HXL had been found near Newport, Shropshire, 12 miles from the attack.

Ports and airports were put on alert for the two men who police warned were armed and dangerous and were not to be approached by the public. An immediate examination of security at the Tern Hill Barracks began after the bomb attack.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said that like other British bases it was on a heightened level of alert in case of terrorist attack. All barracks had been on "black" alert – one below amber – for several months.

It appeared last night that the terrorists got into the large barracks through a wooded copse which runs only 20 yards from the rear of the L-shaped accommodation block which was so badly damaged by the explosions.

Local people spoke of a huge fireball when the blasts occurred.

Yesterday army and Ministry of Defence officials praised the swift action of Private Norris, in preventing a terrorist atrocity at the barracks, which has been the home of the 2nd Battalion the Parachute Regiment for the last two years.

The battalion is currently moving to Aldershot. Normally 100 soldiers would have been asleep in the brick-built accommodation block, but only half that number were present as many were on weekend leave.

Ministry of Defence officials said Private Norris challenged the two armed terrorists m at 3.06am and asked for their identification when they were seen in a car. When they were challenged one reached inside his jacket pocket as if to produce an identification card but instead pulled out an automatic pistol and threatened Private Norris, who did not have a chance to load his gun.

Political sketch

## If water goes, can county councils be far behind

Shouts of "Jolly good!" and "Flaming lousy!" flew across the Chamber yesterday in a passionate exchange on something close to the hearts *and* within the intellectual reach of all: the quality of House of Commons food. Labour's Frank Dobson was scathing – until Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman rose.

She wished, she said, to inform the Speaker that she had subsisted mainly on Commons' fare for a very long time, and – she drew herself up to her full height, for inspection and approval – "I think I'm doing pretty well!"

So she is. We have sometimes been rather impertinent about Dame Elaine, the Conservative MP for Lancaster. It's a pleasure, now, to be gallant. If our redoubtable Dame is testimony to Commons food, then paunchy Popeyes like Mr Dobson have been outspinached by Olive Oyl. And we have a further compliment to convey: this time to the Tories' Neil Hamilton (Tatton).

Since our last sketch went to press, Mr Hamilton has risen magnificently to the challenge this column threw out when the "kidneys for sale" controversy first hit the news. We dared any free-marketeer worthy of the name to repudiate the Government's craven retreat from a free-trade in bodily organs.

Hamilton did so before the weekend. Despite an attempt by the Leader of the House (John Wakeham) to slap him down with whingeing phrases like "utter abhorrence", Hamilton raised a brave banner for the "internal market" in these organs. His prize awaits collection.

But we must not rest. There are new ideological heights to be stormed. So, for every target this column identifies – and backbenchers hit – we shall identify more.

Here follow two ideas which could be history, not prophecy, were Mrs Thatcher's poodles straining at the leash instead of being towed whimpering along behind. We invite backbench sponsors, firstly, for privatizing the fire service.

Where are the Tory voices to canvass this? If private enterprise can empty bins, fill reservoirs, run hospitals and operate the telephones, why are backbenchers silent on the merits of letting the market provide fire-brigades?

The Tories are a broad church, of course. There can be debate between a wimpish preference for the State providing fire-engines "free at the point of use" but putting the franchise out to competitive tender; and the heroic proposal that we go all the way and let householders buy their own cover.

But, all over this nation, there are buildings full of firemen playing snooker on overtime. It is time to prise off the lid and let in the fresh air of free enterprise.

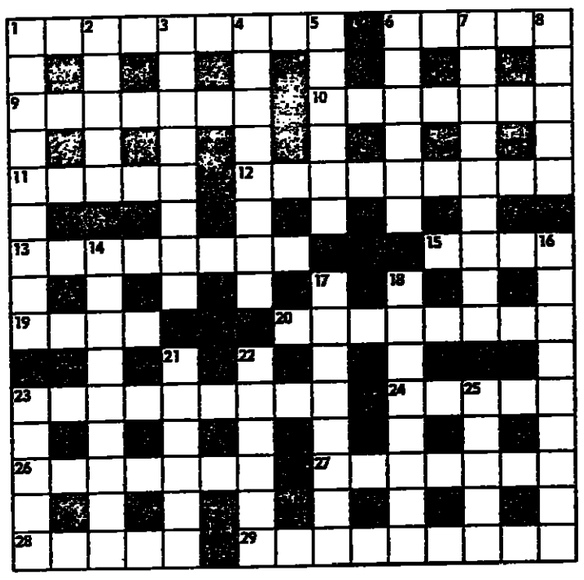
Our second award flows from the first. Once the fire-services have gone, what is there left (let us whisper it softly) for county councils to do? Soon, any school worth its salt will have opted out – so no more need for local education authorities. The preparation of county plans? The Government has just abolished them. Local authority representatives on health authorities? They're on their way out too. Bus regulation? Gone already. Social Services? *"There is no such thing as Society"* – the PM's own words.

Practical things, like flogging off council houses, picking up litter and banning sex-shops, are all done by district councils. So what does all this leave for county councils to do except knock the police (if they are Labour) or thwart the Government's plans to build airport runways and high-speed railways (if they are Tory)? Another prize, then, for the first backbencher to foreshadow the total elimination of this layer of local government.

Weeks ago, *Etc*, a satirical programme on TV South, screened a wacky sketch in which internal organs were auctioned in aid of Tory funds. Well, today's comic sketch is tomorrow's Green Paper, and now reality – in the shape of Mr Hamilton – has caught up. Of other Tory springtimes, too, let comic sketches prove the first cuckoo.

**Matthew Parris**

## THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,911



ACROSS

1 Harassing Ratty's friend with a sharp pain (9)
6 One calling for more tobacco (5).
9 Cultured and excellent in colour (7).
10 Run into a judo expert fast (7).
11 Missile causes a right dust-up (5).
12 Neat fruit in Allied HQ (9).
13 Poor dog in the turbulent Seine is at risk (8).
15 Lacking 21, proceed with difficulty (4).
19 Loud cry of the old apprentices (4)
20 Tree Marshal found in the island (8)
23 Be heard to support a railway (9)
24 Keats's wine "Tasting of — and the country green" (5).
26 First name of Trollope's Dr Pie (a character from Greece) (7)
27 Serious when gunners retreat into parts of 8 (7)
28 Nursemaid for the kid's mother (5).
29 Norfolk town record for a nonconformist (9)

DOWN

1 "There's nothing serious in ——" (*Macbeth*) (9).
2 Could he have got his sentence using a rifle, perhaps? (5).
3 Old port for a snack (8).
4 Application to work in River Test (8).
5 Extract the rodent from danger, Billy (6).
6 Around morning game's becoming least wild (6).
7 Statesman, a brave Scot (9).
8 Perhaps the future gets us on edge (5).
14 Niece getting lost sadly in the range (9).
16 Father may rest uneasily with him in charge of the wages (9).
17 Drama writer's precautions for children's safety (4-4).
18 "By the Waterfall" – inevitably (8).
21 Drive to spoil the greenery without hesitation (6).
22 Sound orchestra's prohibited (6).
23 Cuddle in the club (5).
25 It's open round the green (5).

Concise Crossword, page 22

## WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

CAPIAS
a. Mexican biscuits
b. A writ for arrest
c. A pungent spice in curry

PAOLO
a. A fish and meat stew
b. An Argentinian cowherd
c. A silver coin

PITCHPERSON
a. A promoter or huckster
b. Non-sexist for baseball pitcher
c. A tripwire or mantrap

FEIERABEND
a. A bend in a chimney
b. Evening euphoria
c. An amateur fire brigade

*Answers on page 22*

Solution to Puzzle No 17,910

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## WEATHER

**Northern Ireland and Scotland will have showers at first with snow over hills. Clearer weather will spread from the west, though with blustery showers. England and Wales will start dry with frost in places, sunny spells at first but rain reaching the North-west by evening and spreading south-east. Severe gales later in the North-west. Outlook: showers and sunny intervals, rain spreading from the west.**

### ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder d=drizzle, fg=fog, s=sun; sl=sleet, sn=snow, f=fair, c=cloud, r=rain

| | C | F | | | C | F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ajaccio | - | - | | Majorca | 21 | 70 | s |
| Alicante | 16 | 61 | s | Malaga | 16 | 64 | c |
| Alex'dria | 15 | 59 | f | Malta | 15 | 59 | f |
| Algiers | 20 | 68 | f | Melb'rne | 19 | 66 | f |
| Amst'dm | 8 | 46 | s | Mexico C* | 19 | 66 | s |
| Athens | 13 | 55 | s | Miami* | 28 | 82 | f |
| Bahrain | 19 | 66 | s | Milan | 11 | 52 | f |
| Barbados* | 29 | 84 | f | Montreal* | -5 | 23 | sn |
| Barcelna | 18 | 64 | s | Moscow | -6 | 23 | sn |
| Belgrade | 20 | 68 | s | Munich | 12 | 54 | r |
| Berlin | 10 | 50 | f | Nairobi | 27 | 81 | f |
| Bermuda* | 22 | 72 | f | Naples | 15 | 59 | f |
| Brussels | 11 | 52 | r | N Delhi | 19 | 66 | s |
| Budapest | 15 | 59 | s | N York* | 2 | 36 | s |
| B Aires* | 36 | 97 | s | Oslo | 7 | 45 | s |
| Cairo | 16 | 61 | c | Peking | 2 | 36 | s |
| Cape Tn | 25 | 77 | s | Perth | 31 | 88 | s |
| C'blanca | 17 | 63 | c | Prague | 11 | 52 | r |
| Chicago* | -2 | 28 | c | Reykjvk | -3 | 27 | s |
| Chch'rch | 13 | 55 | c | Rhodes | 13 | 55 | s |
| Cologne | 11 | 52 | c | Rio de J | 34 | 93 | s |
| C'phgn | 6 | 43 | c | Riyadh | 22 | 72 | f |
| Corfu | 16 | 61 | s | Rome | 14 | 57 | f |
| Dublin | 6 | 43 | s | Salzburg | 9 | 48 | r |
| Dubrovnik | 15 | 59 | s | S Frisco* | 12 | 54 | c |
| Faro | 17 | 63 | f | Santiago* | 32 | 90 | s |
| Florence | 11 | 52 | c | S Paulo* | 27 | 81 | f |
| Frankfurt | 12 | 54 | f | Seoul | 8 | 46 | s |
| Funchal | 19 | 66 | s | Stckholm | 4 | 39 | f |
| Geneva | 12 | 54 | f | Strasb'rg | - | - | |
| Gibraltar | 16 | 61 | c | Sydney | 19 | 66 | c |
| Helsinki | 3 | 37 | c | Tangier | 16 | 61 | f |
| Hong K | 20 | 68 | s | Tel Aviv | 16 | 61 | f |
| Innsbruck | 7 | 45 | c | Tenerife | 20 | 68 | s |
| Istanbul | 7 | 45 | s | Tokyo | 12 | 54 | r |
| Jeddah | 25 | 79 | s | Toronto* | 0 | 32 | f |
| Jo'burg* | 24 | 75 | s | Tunis | 18 | 64 | s |
| L Palmas | 21 | 70 | s | Valencia | 18 | 64 | f |
| La Toquet | - | - | | Vanc'ver* | 2 | 36 | r |
| Lisbon | 14 | 57 | c | Venice | 5 | 41 | sn |
| Locarno | 9 | 48 | c | Vienna | 10 | 50 | r |
| L Angels* | 13 | 55 | c | Warsaw | 5 | 41 | r |
| Luxembg | 9 | 48 | c | Wash'ton* | 4 | 39 | s |
| Luxor | 28 | 72 | s | Wel'ngn | 21 | 70 | s |
| Madrid | 13 | 55 | f | Zurich | 10 | 50 | r |

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

### AROUND BRITAIN

| | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scarboro | 4.8 | .41 | 13 | 55 | sunny |
| Bridlington | 3.3 | .12 | 10 | 50 | bright |
| Hunstanton | 3.3 | .07 | 11 | 52 | bright |
| Cromer | 4.4 | - | 13 | 55 | sunny |
| Lowestoft | 1.0 | - | 13 | 55 | cloudy |
| Clacton | - | .01 | 11 | 52 | cloudy |
| Sandown | - | .19 | 11 | 52 | shower |
| Shanklin | - | .19 | 11 | 52 | rain |
| Bournemth | - | .12 | 12 | 54 | rain |
| Poole | - | .13 | 12 | 54 | rain |
| Swanage | - | .12 | 11 | 52 | drizzle |
| Weymouth | - | .04 | 11 | 52 | cloudy |
| Exmouth | - | .13 | 12 | 54 | drizzle |
| Teignmouth | - | .13 | 12 | 54 | shower |
| Torquay | - | .17 | 12 | 54 | rain |
| Falmouth | - | .20 | 11 | 52 | rain |
| Penzance | - | .24 | 11 | 52 | rain |
| Scilly Isles | - | .20 | 11 | 52 | rain |
| Newquay | - | .29 | 12 | 54 | rain |
| Ilfracombe | - | .39 | 12 | 54 | rain |
| Minehead | - | .39 | 13 | 55 | rain |
| Morecambe | 1.5 | .26 | 9 | 48 | rain |
| Douglas | 2.0 | .23 | 9 | 48 | rain |
| Pupatrix | 1.9 | .32 | 8 | 46 | snow |
| Buxton | 0.5 | .08 | 8 | 46 | bright |
| Leeds | 1.4 | .32 | 11 | 52 | bright |
| Nottingham | 2.2 | .06 | 11 | 52 | bright |
| Anglesey | - | .05 | 10 | 50 | rain |
| Colwyn Bay | 0.2 | .23 | 10 | 50 | rain |
| Tenby | - | .20 | 11 | 52 | cloudy |
| Aberdeen | 6.7 | .05 | 7 | 45 | sunny |
| Aviemore | 1.3 | .74 | 3 | 37 | snow |
| Eskdalemuir | 3.4 | .20 | 7 | 45 | snow |
| Kinloss | 3.8 | .45 | 6 | 43 | shower |
| Lerwick | 1.9 | .32 | 6 | 43 | snow |
| Prestwick | 3.7 | .11 | 7 | 45 | bright |
| Stornoway | 0.9 | .29 | 5 | 41 | hail |
| Tiree | 2.7 | .24 | 7 | 45 | hail |
| Wick | 2.8 | .04 | 5 | 41 | shower |

These are Sunday's figures.

### HIGH TIDES

| TODAY | AM | HT | PM | HT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| London Bridge | 2.22 | 6.8 | 2.44 | 7.0 |
| Aberdeen | 1.49 | 4.0 | 1.49 | 4.1 |
| Avonmouth | 7.49 | 12.7 | 8.09 | 12.7 |
| Belfast | 11.32 | 3.5 | 11.56 | 3.0 |
| Cardiff | 7.33 | 11.8 | 7.54 | 11.6 |
| Devonport | 6.29 | 5.5 | 6.49 | 5.2 |
| Dover | 11.47 | 6.3 | — | — |
| Falmouth | 5.59 | 5.3 | 6.19 | 5.0 |
| Glasgow | 1.40 | 4.3 | 1.20 | 4.9 |
| Harwich | 12.12 | 3.8 | 12.35 | 3.8 |
| Holyhead | 10.52 | 5.5 | 11.12 | 5.2 |
| Hull | 8.59 | 6.9 | 7.00 | 7.4 |
| Ilfracombe | 6.34 | 8.9 | 6.50 | 8.8 |
| Margate | 12.27 | 4.5 | 12.58 | 4.4 |
| Milford Haven | 6.50 | 6.8 | 7.07 | 6.7 |
| Newquay | 5.40 | 6.9 | 5.57 | 6.7 |
| Oban | 8.15 | 3.9 | 8.42 | 3.8 |
| Penzance | 5.28 | 5.6 | 5.47 | 5.3 |
| Portland | 7.33 | 2.1 | 8.03 | 1.9 |
| Portsmouth | 11.58 | 4.4 | — | — |
| Sheerness | 11.45 | 8.0 | — | — |
| Southampton | 11.20 | 4.3 | 11.56 | 4.4 |
| Swansea | 7.-. | 9.1 | 7.17 | 9.0 |
| Tees | 4.18 | 5.0 | 4.21 | 5.4 |
| W'ton-on-Naze | 12.05 | 4.0 | 12.28 | 4.0 |

Tide is metres: 1m=3.28ft. Times are GMT

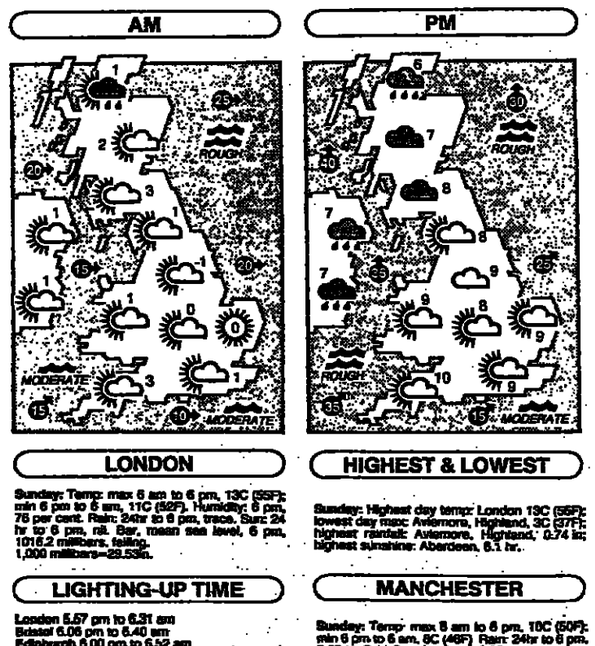
### THE POUND

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 2.55 | 2.69 |
| Austria Sch | 23.75 | 22.40 |
| Belgium Fr | 71.40 | 67.60 |
| Canada $ | 2.19 | 2.07 |
| Denmark Kr | 13.12 | 12.47 |
| Finland Mkk | 7.87 | 7.47 |
| France Fr | 11.46 | 10.86 |
| Germany Dm | 3.375 | 3.195 |
| Greece Dr | 282 | 268 |
| Hong Kong $ | 14.25 | 13.50 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.27 | 1.20 |
| Italy Lire | 2470 | 2340 |
| Japan Yen | 238 | 222 |
| Netherlands Gld | 3.82 | 3.62 |
| Norway Kr | 12.28 | 11.63 |
| Portugal Esc | 276.75 | 261.75 |
| South Africa Rd | 4.86 | 4.567 |
| Spain Pta | 210.50 | 198.50 |
| Sweden Kr | 11.58 | 10.96 |
| Switzerland Fr | 2.87 | 2.71 |
| Turkey Lira | 3600 | 3000 |
| USA $ | 1.85 | 1.75 |
| Yugoslavia Dnr | 11200 | 9200 |

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 111.0 (January)

London: The *FT* Index closed up 18.8 at 1686.9.




### LONDON

Sunday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 11C (52F). Humidity: 6 pm, 76 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1016.2 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

### HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: London 13C (55F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Aviemore, Highland, 0.74 in; highest sunshine: Aberdeen, 6.1 hr.

### LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.57 pm to 6.31 am
Bristol 6.06 pm to 6.40 am
Edinburgh 5.00 pm to 6.52 am
Manchester 6.01 pm to 6.43 am
Penzance 6.21 pm to 6.50 am

### MANCHESTER

Sunday: Temp: max 8 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.08 hr

Sun rises: 7.03 am
Sun sets: 5.27 pm
Moon sets: 7.16 am
Moon rises: 6.35 pm
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### YESTERDAY

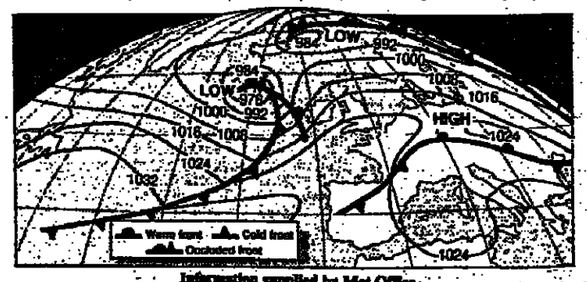
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

| | C | F | | | C | F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belfast | 5 | 41 | s | Guernsey | 9 | 48 | s |
| B'ingham | 8 | 46 | f | Inverness | 3 | 37 | f |
| Blackpool | 7 | 45 | s | Jersey | 9 | 48 | s |
| Bristol | 9 | 48 | s | London | 11 | 52 | s |
| Cardiff | 9 | 48 | f | M'chester | 8 | 46 | f |
| Edinburgh | 3 | 37 | c | Newcastle | 5 | 41 | s |
| Glasgow | 4 | 39 | sl | N'ridaway | 7 | 45 | s |

### TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at 10.30am today.

### NOON TODAY




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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

**THE POUND**

US dollar
1.7655 (-0.0105)

W German mark
3.2538 (-0.0087)

Exchange index
97.7 (-0.3)

**STOCK MARKET**

FT 30 Share
1696.9 (+18.8)

FT-SE 100
2065.8 (+22.9)

USM (Datastream)
167.37 (+1.08)

## Normans sells shops

Normans Group, the discount food retailer where Sir Ron Brierley of New Zealand has a 5 per cent stake, is selling its chain of Scottish frozen food stores, bought in 1987, for £2.45 million and the value of stock, owing to increased competition.

The leases of 24 shops trading under the Freezway name and a leasehold on a Grangemouth cold store are to be sold to Farmfoods (Aberdeen). Freezway, bought for £1.4 million in shares lost £28,000 in the six months to October 1 on sales of more than £7 million.

## Optim ahead

Optim, the specialist software systems group, yesterday raised profits by 47 per cent for the year to £506,000 before tax on sales up 28 per cent to £10 million. There is no dividend.

### STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2324.82 (+13.39)
Tokyo
Nikkei Average ... 32177.08 (+3.69)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 3159.84 (+53.59)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 307.7 (+4.0)
Sydney: AO ..... 1473.1 (+25.0)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1661.4 (+1.1)
Brussels:
General ..... 5757.74 (-9.69)
Paris: CAC ..... 439.1 (-1.2)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 550.9 (+1.5)
London:
FT-A All-Share ... 1069.39 (+10.5)
FT-"500" ..... 1171.29 (+13.09)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 157.2 (+2.5)
FT. Fixed interest ..... 98.53 (-0.02)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 89.04 (-0.04)

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### MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Guinness ..... 411p (+15p)
Bass ..... 943½p (+10p)
Elys (Wimbledon) ..... 750p (+25p)
Blue Circle ..... 534½p (+24p)
Breedon ..... 153p (+15p)
Redland ..... 514p (+17p)
Turnbull Scott ..... 282p (+12p)
Racal Elect ..... 350p (+12p)
STC ..... 331½p (+10p)
Thorn EMI ..... 724p (+21p)
Eurotunnel Units ... 789½p (+29p)
Slebe ..... 480p (+13p)
Trafalgar House ..... 357p (+10p)
Morgan Crucible ... 291½p (+11p)
Gresham House ..... 455p (+30p)
Pearson ..... 714p (+13p)
Rosehaugh ..... 554p (+20p)

FALLS:
Davies & Newman ... 845p (-90p)
Alumasc ..... 248p (-10p)
General Accident ... 984½p (-8p)
Closing prices
Bargains ..... 29591
SEAQ Volume ..... 467.9m

### INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 13%
3-month interbank 13-12$^{15}/_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: 12$^{29}/_{32}$-12$^{15}/_{32}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 11%
Federal Funds 9¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 8.46-8.45%*
30-year bonds 99$^{2}/_{32}$-99$^{3}/_{32}$*

### CURRENCIES

| London: | New York: |
|---|---|
| £: $1.7655 | $: $1.7755* |
| £: DM3.2538 | $: DM1.8377* |
| £: SwFr2.7657 | $: SwFr1.5606* |
| £: FFr11.0785 | $: FFr6.2590* |
| £: Yen223.16 | $: Yen125.82* |
| £: Index:97.7 | $: Index:88.7 |
| ECU £0.840804 | SDR £0.746607 |

### GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $382.50 pm-$382.40
close $382.25-382.75 (£216.50-217.00)
New York:
Comex $380.00-380.50*

### NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Mar) pm $16.25bbl ($16.70)
* Denotes Friday's close

THE TIMES STOCK WATCH
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● Market news on Stockwatch included: US buying took Racal (01245) up 13p. Recommendations lifted Tesco (01567) 3p and STC (01889) 10p. Comment raised British Steel (03555) 2p and Guinness (02032) 16p. Blue Circle (01118) surged 24p.
● Additions include: Aker Norcem 07255; NFC 03561.
● Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak, inc. VAT.

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### £3.2bn offer launches Britain's biggest takeover battle

# Minorco lifts ConsGold bid

By Colin Campbell

Minorco is bidding afresh for Consolidated Gold Fields, with a share and cash package valuing ConsGold at £3.2 billion.

The bid by Minorco – the Sir Michael Edwardes-led group described by ConsGold as "the nomadic offshore arm of South Africa's Anglo American/De Beers empire", will be Britain's biggest-ever takeover battle.

The resurfaced bid values each ConsGold share at £14, of which £10.25p will be paid in cash, and follows the clearance by the Mergers and Monopolies Commission in London, and the European Community in Brussels.

Shareholders can elect to receive additional cash instead of all or part of the new Minorco shares, subject to limitations.

Full acceptance of the offer would involve 79 million new Minorco shares, and payment of £1.6 billion cash. Minorco's initial September, 1988, bid valued ConsGold at £2.9 billion and each share at £13.06.

Minorco's fresh bid is, however, conditional on the satisfactory outcome of an appeal against a US Court injunction, prohibiting Minorco from buying ConsGold shares.

ConsGold shares closed 8p higher at £14.43p. Minorco shares advanced 10p to 766p. Minorco holds 29.6 per cent of ConsGold.

Sir Michael Edwardes, Minorco's chief executive, said since the previous offer was made, interest rates have risen materially and the gold price has hit a two-year low. "This makes the new offer even more generous," he said, "offering a sharp increase in dividend income and in capital value."

He said the decision to bid again came after an assessment of ConsGold and the "significant damage" which ConsGold, through its scorched earth policy, has inflicted on itself in its defence campaign.

In determining the bid price, Minorco considered the possibility of ConsGold producing "a frothy net asset value" in its defence.

"We concluded that the price were are offering is little to do with theoretical asset value, but should focus on

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earnings performance actually achieved."

Sir Michael said in recent years ConsGold's pre-tax figures had been inflated by asset sales. "We do not expect the City to be taken in by mirrors.

"We will need to squeeze the pips very hard, after acquisition, if we are to justify this price which offers £1 of additional value above our first bid."

Mr Rudolph Agnew, ConsGold chairman, said the bid was "laughable and pathetic". This time round, there were no courtesy telephone calls from Minorco to the ConsGold board who learnt of it as it was announced to the stock exchange.

"Minorco still believes it can use its existing position to acquire your company on the cheap. This renewed bid, which is of questionable value, bears no relation to the underlying worth . . . and is clearly not meant to be taken seriously.

"Not only is the value of the offer completely inadequate, it would mean shareholders partly exchanging Gold Fields shares for Minorco's Luxembourg paper. The board intends to resist the bid strongly," Mr Agnew added.

As originally stated, Minorco plans to sell ConsGold's South African assets. The 49 per cent stake in Newmont Mining and the 48 per cent stake in Renison Goldfields would also be sold.

Minorco would hold on to the aggregates and stone interests of ARC (Amey Roadstone) both in Britain and the United States, and ConsGold's wholly-owned US gold mining interests.

Sir Michael said ConsGold has lost its way and has not come up with any credible solution to unlocking its assets.

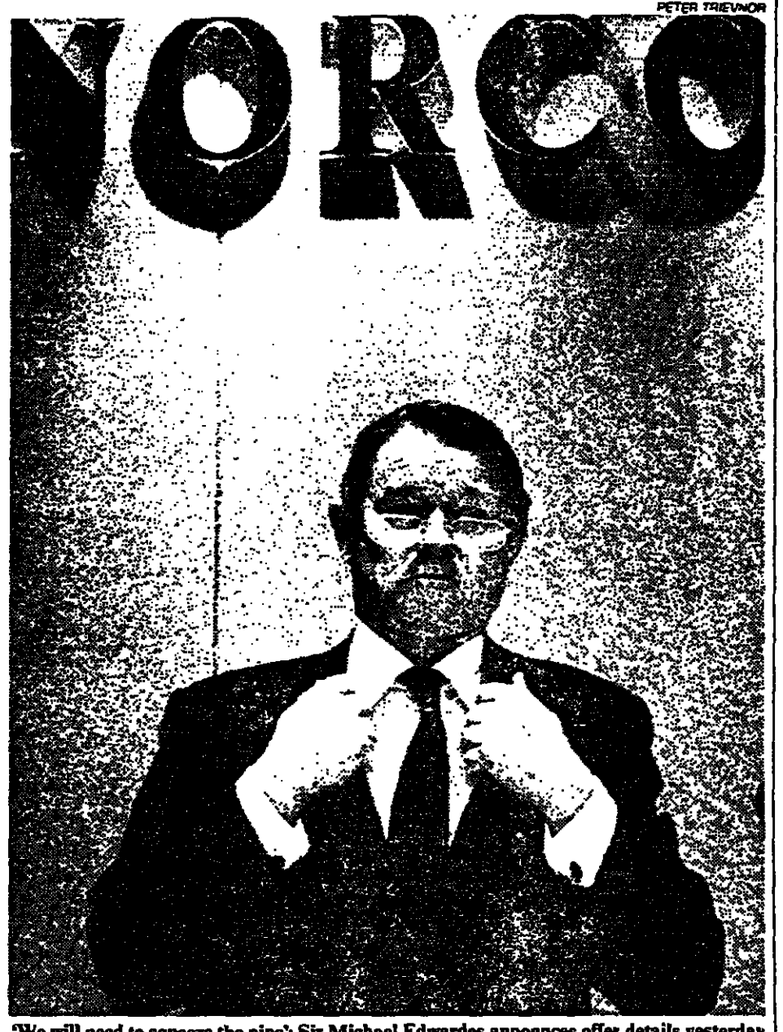
"If you remove the small reactionary group at the top of ConsGold, there is a depth of management some of whom have already let it be known privately that they find the Minorco thinking rather refreshing."

Mr Agnew later dismissed this remark as " a cheap, gutter Press jibe." He challenged: "Name them.

Sir Michael also said ConsGold executive directors, with one exception, had sold some shares gained through the exercise of options at an average price of about £10 each in the past 14 months.

"If they value their business at prices from £9.20 to £10.60, who are we to take a better judgement from outside the company?" Sir Michael asked.

PETER TREVNOR




'We will need to squeeze the pips': Sir Michael Edwardes announces offer details yesterday

## Banham seeks backing on bids

By Colin Narbrough

Mr John Banham, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, will tomorrow seek the backing of the CBI's governing council for a proposal that calls for the automatic referral of all hostile bids by bid-proof companies.

The proposal is the latest stage of the campaign, he launched at the November CBI conference, to secure a level playing field for cross-border takeovers and mergers in the run-up to 1992.

He remains concerned that the key question of "reciprocity" has not been seriously addressed where British manufacturing industry falls prey to foreign predators. Automatic referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission would give more time for a target company to organize its defence.

In spite of warnings about the relative vulnerability of British firms to takeover, mainly attributed to the open British stock market, the CBI companies committee, has come out in favour of minor changes in the way foreign takeovers are treated. These include the possibility of making a predator pay the costs of a successful defence by a smaller quarry in certain bids.

Mr Banham had called for changes, such as halving the point at which a predator must lauch a full bid to 15 per cent of the target company's shares, and making unsuccessful bidders wait three years before making a fresh bid.

Fears that such moves could damage British companies' chances of making acquisitions abroad, have persuaded the CBI committee against endorsing either proposal.

But Mr Banham, who is broadly backed by the influential president's committee, is determined to seek changes in the takeover rules to prevent the "unfair" erosion of the country's manufacturing base through foreign takeover.

He is expected to underline that hostile takeovers by foreign companies which are protected against takeover threaten to turn Britain into a "screwdriver economy."

Mr Banham foresees Britain, with virtually no barriers to foreign predators, becoming an assembly base for non-EEC companies seeking guaranteed access to the single European market after 1992.

The CBI council will decide on the merits of the diverging views presented by Mr Banham and the companies committee, passing on its proposals for any new rules to the City Takeover Panel.

## Money supply figures dash hopes of early cut in rates

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The January money supply figures, published by the Bank of England yesterday, added to the belief in the money markets that base rates will have to stay about the present levels for several months.

Although the figures were consistent with a continuing slowdown in consumer spending, they also contained an unexpectedly large £8.5 billion jump in bank and building society lending, partly because companies borrowed heavily to pay their tax bills.

Figures from the clearing banks suggested that personal sector lending last month rose by just £331 million, its lowest for nearly two years. But building society lending rose by £2.1 billion, nearly £1 billion more than in December, possibly showing that individuals switched their

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borrowing from banks to building societies.

Treasury officials cited the 0.6 per cent fall in the narrow money supply measure M0 last month, together with evidence of weak personal sector lending by the banks, as indicating that high interest rates are having their desired effect on the economy.

But the figures, in the wake of Friday's 7.5 per cent inflation rate, were seen in the City as ruling out any early base rate cut.

The 0.6 per cent fall in M0 produced an increase over 12 months of 8.1 per cent, well above the 1 to 5 per cent target range but down from the 8.5 per cent growth rate in December. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the 12 month growth rate was 7.4 per cent.

Broad money, M4, rose by 0.7 per cent, for a 12-month growth rate of 18.3 per cent.

## Two P&D employees questioned

By Our City Staff

Two employees of Phillips & Drew, the broker, are being interviewed this week by inspectors from the Department of Trade and Industry about the firm's role in the Blue Arrow rights issue.

The interviews are part of the DTI's widening investigation into Blue Arrow's takeover of Manpower last year. It has already interviewed employees and ex-employees of County NatWest, the investment bank which handled the rights issue, which flopped badly.

Partly as a result of losses sustained on the 9.5 per cent Blue Arrow stake it bought during the rights issue, County is expected to make further large losses which will drag down National Westminster Bank's overall profits.

NatWest launches the clearing bank results season today with pretax profits expected to amount to nearly £1.4 billion.

According to some City estimates, County's losses could be as high as £100 million. County lost £10 million at the half-way stage.

NatWest said that it would be making no announcement about its chairman today, despite persistent speculation that Lord Boardman would be replaced when his current term of office ends on April 1.

The bank would not comment on suggestions that Lord Alexander, currently chairman of the Takeover Panel, was in line for the job.

## NZI shelves rights as losses top £70m

By Our Banking Correspondent

General Accident, the Perth composite insurer, yesterday unveiled further losses of NZ$16 million (£5.55 million) at NZI Corporation, the New Zealand insurance and banking group in which it bought a 51 per cent stake last year.

The third quarter loss brings NZI's total loss for the nine months to December 31 to NZ$202.4 million (£70.2 million), against profits of NZ$104 over the same period in 1987. NZI has postponed a NZ$286 million rights issue until about June when the group's full year audited accounts are published. Funds sent in by subscribers are being returned.

NZI's results include new provisions of NZ$67 million, taking total provisions to NZ$312 million.

Because of the postponement of the rights issue, GA will not for the time being receive NZ$180 million from NZI as payment for a number of GA businesses transferred to the New Zealand group.

As the leading shareholder GA has also agreed to inject additional funds in the form of a NZ$100 million subordinated loan to NZI.

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## Finns bag Wilson for $200m

By Our City Staff

Amer Group, the brand-hungry Finnish conglomerate, has agreed to pay $200 million (£112 million) for Wilson, the sporting goods company based in Chicago, Illinois.

The deal, which will give the Finnish group a firm grip on the European golf club market, is due to be finalized by the end of next month, and includes Wilson's only European manufacturing plant, located at Irvine in Scotland. The plant, which employs 240 people, is Europe's leading supplier of golf clubs and bags, and also stores a wide range of other Wilson products, including its well-known tennis rackets. Wilson's European sales are expected to reach about $75 million this year, from $12.5 million five years ago. The sale should lead to lower gearing for Wilson, allowing increased investment.

Amer, which is listed in both Helsinki and London exchanges, said it was acquiring Wilson from affiliates of Wesray Capital Corporation, a New York investment company, through a merger between an Amer subsidiary and the holding company which owns all of Wilson's outstanding stock. Wilson, which recorded $425 million of net sales last year, will boost Amer's estimated group sales in the current financial year to more than $3 billion.

Amer already owns a smaller American golf equipment company, MacGregor, but wants to run it separately from Wilson. All of Wilson's production plants will be kept open after the takeover.

Mr Heikki Salonen, the Amer chairman, described Wilson as a timely acquisition that fitted very well with Amer's customer-orientated business philosophy. Amer's existing major businesses are motor vehicles, tobacco, paper and communications.

### Fast-food leaders to provide Russian revolution in eating

## Pizza Hut ready to march on Moscow

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Pizza Hut, the world's biggest pizza restaurant chain with 7,000 outlets, is planning a fast-food invasion of Russia, with its first outlet due to open this year in Gorky Street, Moscow's main shopping and offices thoroughfare, leading down to Red Square.

The operation is being masterminded from the Europe and Middle East regional headquarters, in London, of Pizza Hut's parent, Pepsico Food Service International (PFSI) – part of the US-based Pepsico group, best known for its soft drinks.

Pepsico in London announced, with a fanfare, a joint venture deal with the City of Moscow, with the City holding 51 per cent and Pepsico the rest. Pepsico is initially investing $2 million (£1.14 million) in setting up the Moscow operation. A second site has been chosen in central Moscow for what is expected to be a growing chain.

But, so far more quietly, in Toronto the Canadian operation of McDonald's, the world's largest hamburger restaurants chain (10,400 outlets), has also drawn a bead on Soviet taste buds.

McDonald's is planning 20 outlets in the Soviet capital in a similar joint deal with the City of Moscow. The first Big Macs will be on sale by the year-end – also in Gorky Street.




Name's the same: Cyrillic Pizza Hut

The PFSI-Moscow deal was signed in London by Mr Valeri Zharov deputy mayor of Moscow City Council, and Mr Gill Butler, PFSI's president. Mr Butler said Pizza Hut was going in as the Soviet Union's first international pizza restaurant chain and that it provided "a tremendous opportunity."

If there is to be a race to see which of the two fast-food chains opens first, Pepsico thinks it will win. It has asked the joint management team to see how quickly the first restaurant can be opened this year.

At one time, Russian restaurants had a reputation for poor food and service but all that is rapidly changing according to Mr David Williams, PFSI vice president. He said: "There has been an explosion of higher standards there, helped recently by the growth of co-operatively-run private sector restaurants."

The Pizza Hut outlets would provide an experience for the local Moscow population and be "a bit of a beacon" for foreign nationals and tourists, he said.

Pizza Hut usually makes some adaptations to its offerings to meet national tastes in the 50 countries in which it sells. In Iceland, for instance, smoked lamb pizza goes down well. Mr Williams said: "A blini pizza is a possibility for Moscow – creamy, pancake-style with smoked salmon and caviar." Soups are likely to include bortsch.

But McDonald's will have none of that. In Toronto Mr Peter Beresford, vice-president of McDonald's Restaurants of Canada, said: "We are constructing a 100,000 sq ft facility for processing – dealing with meat, french fries, baking and dairying – plus distribution to ensure that what people buy in Moscow will be exactly the same as in North America or England or anywhere else. The Russian managers will be trained, mainly in Canada, to our usual exacting standards."

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## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# BAA to pay £8m for Laird freight offshoot

**BAA, formerly British Airports Authority, is continuing its diversification with the £8 million takeover of Scottish Express which is a subsidiary of the Laird engineering and transport conglomerate. Scottish Express specializes in air, sea and road freight-forwarding internationally and has a road transport distribution network in Britain.**

**It also provides freight handling at three Scottish airports. In 1988, Scottish Express made a pre-tax profit of £470,000 on sales of £13 million. Net assets were put at £2.4 million. BAA shares, sold to the public in the 1987 privatization, rose 4p to 309p on the news.**

## Profits jump at OCE (UK)

**OCE (UK), the subsidiary of Oce-van der Grinten, a Dutch producer of reprographic and photocopying machines, boosted pre-tax profits from £4.21 million to £7.19 million in the year to November 30. Turnover reached £70.77 million (£61.66 million). The company expects similar progress in the current year.**

## Ashtead rises to £2.42m

**Ashtead Group, the USM plant and tool hire company, unveiled a £1 million rise in pre-tax profits to £2.42 million on turnover up from £6.2 million to £10 million in the six months to October 31. Gearing fell to less than 50 per cent (66 per cent). Earnings per share rose to 10.7p (6.9p) and the interim dividend is up to 0.65p (0.55p).**

## Parkfield acquisitions

**Parkfield Group, the mini-conglomerate, has made four acquisitions worth a total of £7.5 million. The largest is the £2.5 million cash purchase of Richards Foundries, RDV Engineering and the heat treatment division of Richards Engineering, all part of the Richards Group.**

**The others include the Clarendon Foundry, of Chesterfield, Derbyshire, for £2.25 million cash; Homer Pressings, a Walsall, West Midlands, supplier of light pressings to the motor industry, bought for £922,000 from its receivers; and the wholesale video distribution business of Heron Relay for £1.9 million. Mr Roger Felber, the chairman, said Parkfield will continue to concentrate on its core businesses, including foundries and video distribution.**

## City Site in £15m issue

**City Site Estates, the property investment firm, has issued a £15 million debenture stock 2017 at 10.5 per cent to help refinance borrowings, reduce overdrafts and enable it to pursue acquisitions. Yield on the underwritten issue will be at a margin of 1.65 per cent over the yield of the 9 per cent Treasury Stock 2008.**

## Chemex seeks new sponsor

**Chemex, the Third Market chemicals group, asked for its shares to be suspended while a new sponsor was appointed. It said that after a review since close of business on February 17, it had decided to "terminate the position of TC Coombes and Company as sponsor." Medirace now has voting control of 20.41 per cent of Chemex.**

## Courtaulds disposal

**Courtaulds, Britain's biggest textiles group, has cut its ties with its historic past by selling its filament polyester weaving business for £25 million to Toray Industries of Japan. Although only a minor part of Courtaulds' fabrics division, the business – which trades as Samuel Courtauld with annual sales of £35 million – is the direct descendant of the group's founding business.**

**Toray, which entered the European market in 1974 with the manufacture of synthetic suede in Italy, will continue to use the Samuel Courtauld trading name for a transitional period. Courtaulds, meanwhile, has extended its agreed offer for Taubmans, the Australian paint manufacturer, until March 14. The offer is conditional on Courtaulds acquiring 90 per cent of its target. It is already at 67.6 per cent.**

# De Savary firm rescues Hall Russell shipyard

Mr Peter de Savary's Highland Participants has come to the rescue of the Hall Russell shipyard in Aberdeen. Cork Gully, receiver for the yard, said yesterday agreement had been reached with A&P Appledore, the Newcastle upon Tyne shipyard management consultancy which is a Highland subsidiary.

Hall Russell employs 435 and has been kept going by the Overseas Development Administration during the receivership, maintaining work on the £19 million St Helena ferry. Appledore will become owner of the yard from today, subject to final agreement with the Aberdeen Harbour Board and district council.

Appledore said most of the jobs at the yard would be saved. Mr Frank Blin, of Cork Gully, said he was confident the deal was in the best interests of all involved and it was now for Appledore to complete the St Helena contract and secure the yard's prospects.

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# Strength in the final quarter adds to euphoria at Vickers

If Sir David Plastow is concerned at the presence of two antipodean stake-builders on the Vickers share register, he is too sophisticated a politician to show it.

Despite widespread expectation of an imminent and significant corporate move, possibly adding another core activity to Vickers' luxury cars, tanks, printing and medical equipment businesses, Sir David will not be drawn on future policy towards acquisitions and disposals.

Vickers' figures for calendar 1988 show the benefits of a strong last quarter, with a 4 per cent first-half profits drop transformed into an 11.5 per cent rise for the full year – to just short of £70 million before tax.

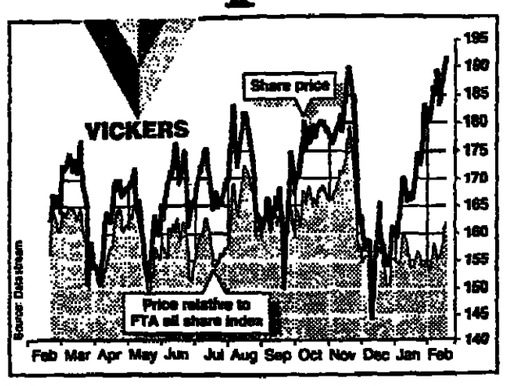
The figures arrived on the wave of euphoria – not to say frank relief – that accompanied December's partial victory in the company's bid to build the Challenger 2 battle tank for the Army.

Heavy research and development costs, totalling not far short of £10 million in the full year, were at least partly to blame for the poor first-half performance.

Defence and aerospace matched the medical business with a near-26 per cent rise in operating profits in 1988. Rolls-Royce continued to buck the trend in the luxury car market with a 7 per cent rise since the start of this year. Vickers has been reimbursed by the Ministry of Defence for the £10 million R&D on the Challenger 2, cutting gearing back to single figures and reducing the chance of a shares issue to fund further expansion.

The shares, very firm since the Challenger decision, made little headway yesterday, easing 1p to 190p. Further smooth profits growth is due in the next couple of years, to perhaps £77 million in 1989 and £83 million in 1990. This leaves the shares changing hands on a multiple of just short of 9, which takes little account of any predatory activity stirred up by the holdings of Sir Ron Brierley and Mr John Spalvins. On a total dividend this year of 8.3p, the yield is about 5.8 per cent.

The shares look a fair long-term two-way bet, offering either solid and respectable profits growth or an eventual break-up.




## General Accident

General Accident's purchase of NZI, the New Zealand company, was always regarded as a bold but risky move, and GA's shares reflect this perception.

But panic over the postponement of NZI's NZ$286 million (£99.3 million) rights issue is misplaced and the NZ$200 million loss announced by the company was not a total surprise. The argument that investment conditions had changed dramatically in New Zealand since the rights issue was announced is reasonable.

This is convenient since the NZI share price is now somewhat below the 60 cents issue price, although GA insists that the rights issue was already well subscribed. In the meantime, GA is having to forego payment for businesses sold to NZI and is stumping up another NZ$100 million in loan notes. In effect, it is supplying short term funding until NZI can raise more capital.

That is hardly a catastrophic state of affairs for the Scottish insurer. Its balance sheet will not be seriously affected, nor will its pre-tax profits (to be announced next week.) It is still likely to turn in about £290 million.

GA continues to make optimistic noises about NZI. But further bad news from the New Zealand group would undoubtedly turn doubt into outright cynicism about the wisdom of GA's investment. The stock market badly needs convincing that things are under control at NZI, and the suspicion that GA never really understood what it was getting itself into with NZI is only strengthened every time another set of bad figures emerges.

It was, after all, only last November that NZI made huge bad debt provisions and write-offs. Although GA did not rule out more to come, the implication then was that the decks had been completely cleared. Now we find a futher exceptional item of NZ$67 million for reorganization costs.

The doubt about NZI is already showing through in a GA share price which is at a discount to the rest of the composite sector – quite a turn-round from its traditonal position of premium stock. GA shares yield about 7 per cent on prospective 1989 compared with about 7 per cent for the sector – and it is hard to argue with this rating.

## Charles Church

How seriously has Charles Church jeopardized the independence of the smaller, quoted housebuilders with its proposal to go private? Certainly, the market believes the Surrey housebuilder's decision could prompt a spate of bids in this increasingly neglected sector.

The bleak short-term outlook for housebuilders has depressed share prices to the point where a quoted company is cheaper to buy than a land bank.

That is Charles Church's point, of course. Sold to the public at an admittedly testing 13.7 times earnings just two springs ago, its shares are selling for only 5.4 historic earnings. Or at least they were until the market got wind that something was in the air

Church, perceived as being at the top end of the tree, has been a poor performer in a poor market.

But the Church family, still with 72 per cent of the equity, has had enough. Not only does it believe it can buy back the shares at the 115p it sold them to the public for less than 24 months ago, but that the company, free of the restraints of public ownership, will be better for it.

Given current market perceptions, investors can hardly complain either at terms which offer them more than six times *next* year's earnings. And, granted the extent of boardroom control, they can hardly expect a takeover premium.

While it would make an attractive acquisition for one of the big construction groups looking to beef up its housebuilding operations, the family shareholding surely precludes the emergence of a rival bidder.

But it could precipitate a rush for less tightly-held companies, which might otherwise contemplate following the Church path. Taylor Woodrow, Costain, AMEC and BICC's Balfour Beatty offshoot will all be watching closely.

Among the more vulnerable are Federated Housing – already sounded out by a potential bidder once – John Maunders of Manchester and Yorkshire's Tay Homes, although it was Wilson Bowden, even more tightly held than Church, whose shares responded best yesterday on the clear hope that it will be next down the privatization route.

# Goldberg loss alert fuels bid talk

By Michael Tate
Deputy City Editor

The prospect of a takeover bid for A Goldberg & Sons, the Glasgow retailer, grew yesterday when Mr Mark Goldberg, the chairman and chief executive, gave warning that the group was "unlikely to show a profit" for the year ending March 25.

Last year the group made £3.2 million but like other high street fashion retailers has been hit by lower consumer spending.

The situation is being watched by Charterhall, the investment vehicle of Mr Russell Goward, the Australian entrepreneur, which holds a stake of almost 30 per cent and last week unveiled plans to raise £18.7 million through a rights issue. This buoyed the Goldberg share price to about 200p yesterday.

Mr Goldberg promises a management shake-up to wipe £1.5 million a year off the overheads and admits jobs will be lost in London and Glasgow. While all the associated costs will be written off in the current year's figures, Mr Goldberg expects "no major provisions."

Goldberg is paying up to £6 million for Personal Contact Group, a young fashion clothing supplier which holds the half share in Ted Baker, the shirt specialist, that Goldberg does not already own.

Mr Goldberg expects Goldberg to be back in profit next year and promises to maintain the final dividend at 4.18p net.

Of Charterhall, he said: "If Mr Goward thinks he can do better than we have done, then he must do what he has to."

# Peugeot seeks ban on grant for Toyota plant

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent

The head of one of Europe's most powerful car groups has stepped up pressure on the EEC for close scrutiny of Toyota's plan to build a £600 million assembly plant – probably in Britain.

M Jacques Calvet, chairman of Peugeot, renewed his battle against the invasion of Japanese manufacturers with a demand that no host nation be allowed to offer incentives, through grants, to fund the plant.

M Calvet is a key figure in the European industry and his fears over Toyota's intentions will carry much weight within the European community.

Officials in the Department of Trade and Industry already understand that they will be unable to offer the level of grants that were available to Nissan, which was awarded £125 million towards the cost of building its manufacturing site at Washington, Tyne and Wear.


Calvet: stepping up pressure

M Calvet's demands also cover how much European content of components and labour should be imposed on cars made in the Community by Toyota.

Even though Toyota revealed last week that it plans to build an engine plant employing 500 workers alongside its assembly lines, local content would still only account for 60 per cent. It is understood the company will still have to call on its Japanese bases for many key components. That will not please the European Car Makers' Association, which wants local content to be marked at 80 per cent.

But M Calvet said: "Fixing the local content of a Japanese car made in Europe at 80 per cent is not enough. The level should be much closer to 100 per cent."

Britain is the front runner in the race for the Toyota plant, which would be manufacturing 200,000 cars a year from 1992 and provide a total of 3,000 new jobs. Toyota executives are expected in Britain in the next few days to search for sites.

The French have already tried to set up import barriers against cars built by Nissan at Washington, claiming they were not "European" enough, because local content was not at 80 per cent.

# Seeboard calls in US help on power plan

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

The British subsidiary of a United States independent power generator has been invited to produce a plan for a high-technology coal or gas-fired power station in the South-east.

The South Eastern Electricity Board – Seeboard – has asked Applied Energy Services Electric, of Virginia, to put forward proposals on condition that the new station can produce power for the Seeboard system and by-pass the existing high-voltage national grid system.

Seeboard, with 4.5 million customers, is among the largest of the 12 distribution companies which will be created after privatization of the industry. Based in Hove, East Sussex, it has an annual turnover of £800 million and is likely to attract the attention of institutional investors after flotation. It has a broad base of domestic consumers with few bad debt problems and a range of industrial customers in the growing sector of high-tech and service industries.

AESE, which will carry out a feasibility study for a private power station, is a subsidiary of Applied Energy Services (AES). The new station, which would be wholly-owned by AES, would produce between 100 and 300 megawatts of power and feed it into the low voltage – 132 kilo-volt – grid system run by Seeboard.

Another company is likely to be asked to submit proposals for a second private power station in the Seeboard area.

AES has three power stations operating, two being built and five awaiting development.

The operating stations are in Texas, Pennsylvania, and California. While the Californian station burns gas, the Texas station burns petroleum coke. All the others will use coal, the largest of which, in Oklahoma, will produce 320 megawatts of power.

Most British power stations produce about 1,000 megawatts, but following privatization area boards have identified a need for small local power stations.

Mr George Squair, chairman of Seeboard, said: "We are keen to promote competition among power generators following the privatization of the industry. AES Electric and Seeboard will be working closely on the project and its success will depend on whether they are able to offer us electricity at a competitive price."

Mr Roger Sant, chairman of AES Electric, said: "It is likely that the final choice will be between a combined cycle gas turbine plant and a coal-fired plant with circulating fluidized bed boilers. Both types of plant are environmentally clean and do not require complex flue gas desulphurization equipment."

# HK toughens line on inside deals and suspensions

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Stock Exchange is to clamp down on companies which leak price-sensitive information, or make use of it in the market.

The listing committee yesterday said it was prepared to suspend dealings in any shares where it suspected confidential information was being acted upon, and call in the Securities Commission.

Insider dealing is not illegal in Hong Kong, but Mr Mark Hanson, head of the exchange's listing division, said: "The listing committee may require a detailed explanation from a company as to who may have had access to unpublished information, and as to why security had not been properly maintained."

The exchange is also taking a tougher line with companies which ask for trading in their shares to be suspended.

In a letter to the chairmen and managing directors of all the Crown Colony's listed companies, as well as the heads of Hong Kong's merchant banks and stockbroking firms, Mr Hanson said: "Unless the listing committee considers that reasons given in support of a suspension request warrant such action, they will expect a clarifying announcement to be issued instead." The number, and length, of suspensions was highlighted in the Hay Davison Report into the Crown Colony's securities industry following the worldwide stock market crash.

Traditionally, dealing has been suspended on the Hong Kong exchange before and after most major announcements, with suspensions running at more than 100 a year, and with one in four suspensions lasting for more than a week.

Now the listing committee has for the first time clearly laid out the circumstances under which it will grant a suspension of trading:

- Where price-sensitive information cannot be disclosed at the time.
- Where a company is the subject of an offer, but only when terms have been agreed in principle.
- To maintain an orderly market.
- Where the market needs time to evaluate the significance of important notifiable transactions, such as substantial changes in the nature, control or structure of a company.
- If a company is no longer suitable for listing, or becomes a "cash" company.
- Companies which are going into receivership or liquidation.

The exchange intends to increase the number of information pages in its trading system from four to 20, to allow companies to broadcast price-sensitive information as quickly as possible.

Mr Hanson added that whenever it was possible to publish the announcement on the news pages before 2pm, trading should restart during the afternoon session.

# SE agreement on watchdog funding

From Our Correspondent, Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Stock Exchange has agreed to hand over half the proceeds from transaction levies to help fund the Crown Colony's new securities watchdog.

In return, the Hong Kong government has agreed to abolish the exchange's annual licence fee, which would have cost HK$14.5 million (£1.05 million) this year.

The government had planned to scrap the 0.025 per cent transaction levy, which last year contributed HK$193 million towards the running of the Stock Exchange, while at the same time proposing to fund the Securities and Futures Commission with its own levy of about 0.0125 per cent.

Mr Francis Yuen, the Stock Exchange chief executive, said the exchange would still be able to operate at breakeven levels if turnover averaged only HK$1 billion a day. Shares worth HK$1.7 billion changed hands yesterday.

Mr Alan Smith, a Stock Exchange council member, welcomed the agreement. He said: "We regard this as a very satisfactory compromise."

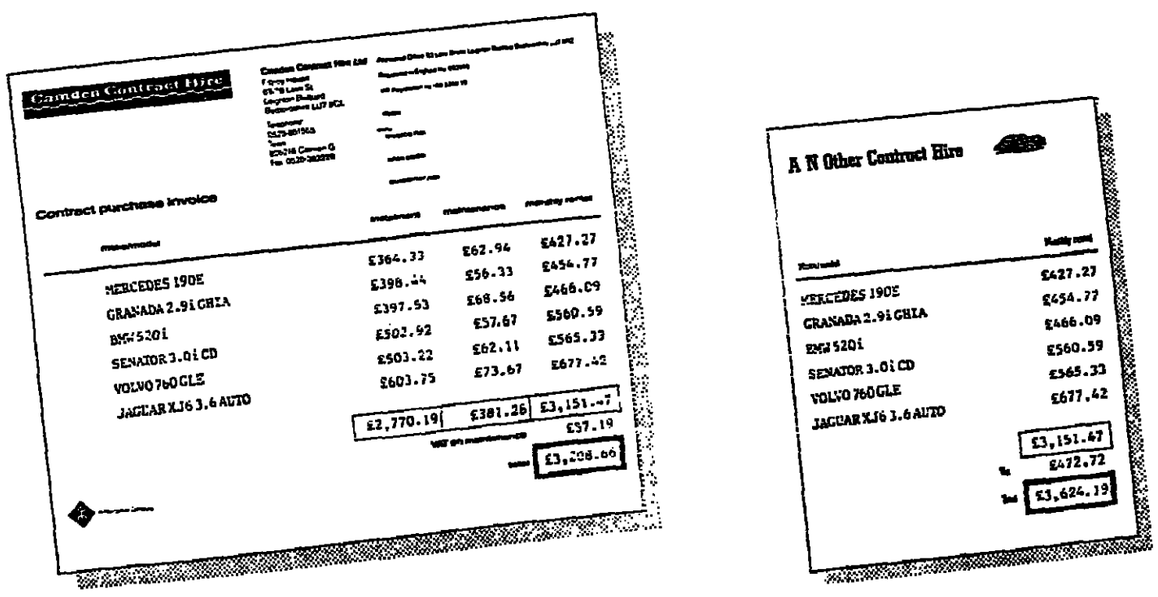
Mr Piers Jacobs, the Financial Secretary, hopes to have his SFC bill made law by May at the latest.

The bill was introduced into the legislative council last month and is an amended draft of a version which was criticized by the Stock Exchange, the Futures Exchange, the Bar Association, the Hong Kong Deposit-Taking Companies' Association, and the Hong Kong Stockbrokers Association, for being too powerful.

The new watchdog will duplicate many duties of the Stock Exchange, including supervision of stock market listings, market manipulation, insider trading and other malpractices, and monitoring brokers. This led to criticism from the colony's stockbrokers that they were being forced to pay twice for regulation of the markets.

Mr Jacobs has promised that the duplication will gradually be reduced "as a matter of evolution."


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# Bond Corporation jumps to Aus$152m at half time

By Margareta Pagano, London, and Richard Battley, Sydney

Mr Alan Bond's flagship, Bond Corporation Holdings, yesterday posted a Aus$152 million (£70.53 million) pre-tax profit for the half-year to end-December.

This is 30 per cent more than the comparable period in 1987 but is fattened by Aus$62.8 million of unrealized foreign exchange gains, in line with Australian accounting practice.

Net interest payments doubled to Aus$302 million, reflecting Bond Corporation's high gearing which has been a constant butt of criticism from Mr Tiny Rowland's Lonrho.

Mr Bond holds 21 per cent of Lonrho. His intentions appear to vary between being prepared to take an exit, at the right price, or bidding for Lonrho once Bond has been fully restructured. This was borne out by Mr Peter Beckwith, Bond's managing director, who said: "No further major acquisitions by Bond Corporation are anticipated in the second half of the year."

A task force from Lonrho, which recently published a 94-page document on the intricacies of the Bond empire, returned to England this week.

Analysts, forecasting results between Aus$100 million to Aus$350 million, described Bond Corp's figures as "sensible, and not as outlandish as they could have been."

The worst performance came from Bond Media, which after tax and interest, was down a third at Aus$10 million compared with the previous period. Mr Bond's Channel Nine TV network faces stiff competition. Mr Bond may be forced to sell the Aus$1 billion network if the courts decide next month that he is not a "fit and proper" person to run a TV station.

Mr Bond can be expected to appeal against a negative judgement which would give him up to two years in which to sell. However, analysts believe that he would sell now if the right buyer came along.

Group turnover rose more than 200 per cent to Aus$5 billion. Assets sales from the Bell stable accounted for almost 40 per cent of this.

An 8 cent dividend was declared, 64 per cent more than in the previous December half.

Write-offs of realized and anticipated losses associated with Rothwells, the failed financial group of Western Australia, totalled Aus$70 million.

Mr Beckwith forecast better results for this half-year.

The results included a four-month contribution from Bell Group and Bell Resources and three months from the Chilean national telephone company.

The Aus$585 million contribution from G Heileman Brewing Company Inc was "disappointing," Mr Beckwith said.

Property earnings rose Aus$111 million to Aus$152 million and the brewing division jumped Aus$28 million to Aus$167 million, but Resources fell Aus$11 million to Aus$4 million.

Bond's shares firmed a cent to Aus$1.66.

# Postal think tank launched

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

A postal "think-tank" is being set up to find ways of improving international mail services. The venture could lead to the setting up of a co-ordinated Euromail service, providing pan-European delivery.

International Post Corporation, which has its headquarters in Brussels, is being backed by postal services in more than 20 countries, including Britain, most of Continental Europe, the United States, Canada and Japan.

The idea for the postal think-tank came in 1987 from Sir Ron Dearing, the former chairman of the Post Office.

The first chairman of the corporation is Mr Gerard Harvey, current chief executive of the Irish Republic's post office. Mr Bryan Lee-Smith, the former finance director of the Post Office's counters division, which covers all of Britain's high street outlets, has been appointed finance director of the corporation. Its chief executive is M Guy Meynie, a former postal director for France.

The corporation's brief is to seek out the best postal practices around the world, passing on ideas to members. But a main priority will be to pursue standardization of systems, so as to make international deliveries more efficient.

Common systems would make it easier, for example, to track the progress of postal items and identify problems.

Mr Lee-Smith said this, and improved interface between the many national postal systems, could meet the demands anticipated from businesses, as 1992 approaches, for a faster, more efficient and fully co-ordinated mail network, especially in Europe.

He said the corporation could be the nucleus of an eventual Euromail service, and added: "All member countries are committed to a dramatic improvement to their services, and we shall be the people who make sure, by advice, that they do."

The corporation will draw up guidelines designed to improve standards of postal service in the member countries. In most cases letter post is a government monopoly.

Mr Lee-Smith described the corporation as "not another administrative bureaucracy, but an agency with a responsibility to makes things happen."

COMMENT David Brewerton

# Minorco tightens grasp in new smash and grab

Minorco has renewed its smash and grab raid for Consolidated Gold Fields. Sir Michael Edwardes has made it quite clear that Minorco will smash the ConsGold group as it now stands, grabbing the best operating assets as the nucleus of a new international mining group based on the Minorco corporate structure rather than ConsGold's.

In the process *Glasnost* has made a surprise appearance at Minorco. This Luxembourg-registered but London listed predator is tiring of such terms as "shadowy, mysterious, offshore" being applied to it in perjorative fashion, and is now promising to keep all its shareholders informed "as though it were a UK company". Sir Michael does not identify which UK company he is going to model this new era of communication upon, but the message is clear enough: Minorco is so keen to win ConsGold it is prepared to turn over a new leaf.

Determination may not, however, be enough, any more than 1400p per ConsGold share may be enough. Sir Michael has been careful not to rule out a higher bid, and the market had its own opinion, leaving the shares above the bid value.

But before Minorco gets to the point where it has to consider whether or not to increase its terms, it has to mend its credibility problem. This is reflected in the 40 per cent discount to net assets at which the Minorco shares trade, a situation which could be made significantly worse, rather than better, by the issue of another 80 million Minorco shares which "creates a far wider market for our shares".

Minorco has structured the bid rather similarly to Barker & Dobson's unsuccessful offer for Dee Corporation. The cash element of 1025p a share reflects what Minorco sees as "the natural market price" and the bid premium is supplied by the Minorco shares. Neat but not convincing.

Plans for the break-up of ConsGold, once the "small reactionary group at the top" has been sacked, are well advanced and the sales of the stakes in Gold Fields of South Africa, Newmont Mining and Renison Goldfields, are expected by Minorco to eliminate the acquisition debt and leave it with "a powerful equity base which will be redeployed to develop a new, more profitable, global operating business".

It is questionable, however, just how global Minorco will be able to spread itself. It will not go into the biggest precious minerals storehouse, South Africa, to compete with the Anglo American group, for instance. And will a company with its strong South African roots (of which it is "rather proud") be allowed to get very far in either Australia or the United States? ConsGold is already a global business, and Minorco would have to work very hard indeed to rebuild that which it will dismantle.

Nevertheless, the battle will be fought on price, and Minorco is showing a much better grasp of where it should be starting than last time around. Given a modest increase, ConsGold's board will have difficulty defending.

# No case for a base rate cut

The latest figures on the money supply — and the last before the Budget — do not make Mr Lawson's Budget decisions any easier. Like the recent evidence of non-monetary indicators they are both worrying and reassuring by turns.

On the plus side, the persistent growth in the narrow measure of money, M0, may have begun to slow down. In January, M0 fell by 0.6 per cent, seasonally adjusted, bringing the annual rate of growth down from 7.7 to 7.4 per cent. This tends to confirm the impression given by other evidence from the high street that consumer demand is slowing down.

M0 is the one measure of money for which the Government still has a formal target and the Treasury is likely to pay even closer attention to it after last year's pattern of events. If the Chancellor and his advisers had heeded the signals being sent by M0 in the run-up to last year's Budget they might have reacted to the inflationary dangers at an earlier stage. However, narrow money is still well above the target range of 1-5 per cent and if yesterday's numbers show a welcome change of direction, they by no means indicate arrival at the destination.

The bank lending figures are more equivocal. The good news is that, according to the partial evidence of the clearing banks, personal borrowing is continuing to slow down, last month showing the smallest increase for two years. The big increase is in borrowing by companies in order to pay their tax bills, not all of which may have been adjusted out of the figures.

On the other hand, the £7.2 billion increase in lending on the M4 definition was well above market expectations of about £6.3 billion. Although much of it may be borrowing by companies, lending is still expanding uncomfortably fast.

The conclusion must be that there is no case for a cut in base rates before the Budget and, probably, no case afterwards either.

# Vickers at £70m beats forecast

By Martin Waller

Vickers, chaired by Sir David Plastow, beat stock market forecasts with pre-tax profits of £69.8 million in calendar 1988, up from £62.6 million, despite a fall at the interim stage.

A final 4.6p dividend makes a 7.5p total, up from 6.7p.

Vickers in December won the contract to develop the Army's latest battle tank, Challenger 2, against stiff American opposition. The eventual placing of the £1.3 billion deal, however, is dependent on how well the prototypes perform, and could still revert to General Dynamics, the American maker of the M1A1 Abrams.

Sir David defended his company's product against some criticism from high-ranking Army sources, who have indicated a preference for the Abrams. "I'm hopeful over the next two to three years we will see orders of a magnitude that will transcend those we have got out of the Government," he said.

Recent figures suggest the Middle East market alone for battle tanks such as Challenger 2 could be worth more than £10 billion in the 1990s.

The defence business saw operating profits grow from £12.4 million to £15.6 million. Order books were boosted by an Army contract for 47 Challenger recovery vehicles, thought to be worth some £60 million to £70 million.

Rolls-Royce continued to make progress, with profits up from £21.6 million to £23.2 million.

The medical products division's earnings rose by 25 per cent to £6.9 million.

Vickers has two unwelcome antipodean shareholders, Sir Ron Brierley with 9 per cent and Adelaide Steamship with more than 2 per cent. But Sir David did not feel this presented any difficulties.

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In the driving seat: Sir David Plastow, chairman of Vickers

# BP in £1bn North Sea exploration

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

An oil and gas exploration programme costing £1 billion is to be carried out by British Petroleum in the North Sea during this year, Mr John Saint, chief executive of the company's North West Europe exploration division, said yesterday.

Mr Saint, who heads the BP division based in Glasgow, said that the company is about to embark on a period of intense activity "to produce medium and long-term gains for BP and the UK economy as a whole."

When it took over the Britoil assets early last year, and moved its exploration headquarters to Glasgow, BP promised that an expansion of its North Sea activities would follow.

Mr Saint said that, despite having to take place against a background of a volatile world oil price, the exploration programme would be greater than that which had been planned separately by BP and Britoil for 1989.

# Church aims to go private

By Michael Tate

Mr Charles Church is planning to take his upmarket Surrey house building group, which he brought to the stock market in April 1987, back into private ownership.

Talks are expected to result in the Church family, which still controls about 72 per cent of the Charles Church Developments equity, offering 115p in cash for each of the remaining shares — the same price they fetched when sold to the public two years ago.

Church shares leapt 15p to 109p on the news, having come up from 73p a week ago. The Stock Exchange is to look into last week's share dealings.

When the house building boom reached its peak last year, Church shares hit 184p, but the sector fell out of favour after the rise in mortgage rates last summer. Church has been harder hit than most — the top end of the market is most vulnerable to falling house prices.

Analysts are predicting a profit increase to about £21.5 million for Church in the current year, after last year's 55 per cent rise to £18.5 million and its November plan for a £12.75 million preference share placing.

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# Piccadilly meeting postponed

By Our City Staff

Piccadilly Radio twice postponed a shareholders meeting in Manchester yesterday to approve the friendly merger with Midlands Radio Holdings after Miss World increased its offer terms for Piccadilly once before the meeting and once during it.

Last night, Piccadilly directors were meeting over the raised terms. Their agreement has been made a condition of the new offer.

Shareholders arriving at the meeting — which resumes today — faced a delay while the board went into a debate on the Miss World terms. When the meeting finally started, shareholders were told by Mr Derek Boothman, the chairman, that the offer had been unanimously rejected.

At this point, one of Piccadilly's advisers approached the chairman with news of what was believed to be a repackaging of the improved offer. The meeting was adjourned for a second time.

Mr Seymour Gorman, representing the 11 per cent holding of London-based Allied Entertainments and Albion Nominees, objected on a point of order, but the adjournment went ahead. Mr Gorman also made clear his strong support for the merger proposals.

The directors met for over an hour before the egm was again reconvened. This time shareholders were told by BZW, the board's adviser, that a new offer had been made. Details were not revealed but the offer is believed to have been raised from £34 million to about £37 million.

# Going it alone pays off

Once bitten, twice shy: three top research analysts who lost their jobs at Morgan Grenfell have, I hear, resisted the temptation of several lucrative golden hallos from City firms and decided to stay self-employed. The trio, who have formed their own business, Momentum Research, are Alan Bartlett, until recently deputy managing director at Morgan Grenfell Securities and one-time head of research there, chartist Chris Chaitow, who is ranked as the number one technical analyst in both the Extel and *Institutional Investor* surveys, and Richard Clarke, who was responsible for strategic analysis. They have just signed an exclusive agreement with CL-Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank. "We have obtained exclusive rights for their present and future product for the next three years in the UK, Europe and the USA," says Russell Leiman, chief executive of ALC's institutional equity division. "It will look just like our own research but it will approach the whole subject in a completely new way — looking for value through fundamental research and technical momentum to help our clients get into stocks as early as possible, instead of being reactive." So why did he not offer the three of them a job? "We would have been happy to do that, but after their recent experiences they were happier to follow this route," Leiman says.

## THE TIMES CITY DIARY

### Putting on the writs

Following victory in her High Court action against the *Daily Express*, Maureen Smith is now taking on her former employer, the City public relations firm Good Relations. A writ has been issued and is likely to be heard shortly — possibly next month, according to Peter Carter-Ruck & Partners, her lawyers. The case arises out of a *Daily Express* article concerning share dealings by Smith, quoting unnamed top executives at Good Relations, now known as Lowe Bell Financial. Smith won £5,000 damages from the newspaper, and this latest action calls for further damages and an injunction not to repeat the alleged libel.

### Back and brew

The by-election in Richmond, North Yorkshire, on Thursday is, ironically, turning into something of a defence campaign for Scottish & Newcastle, the brewery currently in receipt of an unwelcome bid from Elders IXL, the Australian brewer. Candidate Anthony Millns, who runs the vice-chancellor's office at the University of London, and is sponsored in his political ambitions by the Campaign for Real Ale, has been using "Keep Theakston's British," as his campaign slogan. Since Theakston's is owned by S&N, he is effectively battling against the Elders bid. This is ironic, because he was once banned from all S&N pubs in the North-east after he published a letter criticizing the firm in a local newsletter. "I am against an Elders takeover, but not pro-Scottish & Newcastle," he says.




● The growing American investment community based in London should be on its guard. For the Internal Revenue Service is coming. The IRS — the US equivalent of our own Inland Revenue — has just announced that it will be sending representatives to 143 cities in 80 countries, most of them in Britain and the rest of Europe. Their mission is to remind US citizens resident abroad that they have until mid-April to file their 1988 tax returns.

### Good as gold ...

Of all the people on tenterhooks at the weekend, as Minorco polished its renewed bid for Consolidated Gold Fields, none was more anxious than corporate lawyer David Cheyne of Linklaters & Paines. He was torn between duty to his client — and as a Luxembourg-based company Minorco board meetings are held in that country, and not London — and his wife, Gay, who was heavily pregnant. Minorco had called a board meeting in Luxembourg for Sunday in order to finalize yesterday's bid for ConsGold. Meanwhile, Gay sensed that she was about to go into labour. David decided — wisely in the event — not to risk fog delays, and remained in town. He played his part in the takeover plan by attending London meetings instead. A son, their third child and weighing 7lbs, was duly delivered on Sunday. "I really must congratulate my wife," Cheyne said later, "for delivering our son between board meetings." Minorco colleagues have, I hear, been pressing Cheyne to call the child Hector — the code-name used for ConsGold in Minorco boardroom papers in its initial Christmas, 1986, takeover plan. Minorco chairman Julian Ogilvie Thompson thought that Achilles might be a more appropriate name. Cheyne, however, concluded that both suggestions were taking corporate loyalty just a little too far. "I will make the proper announcement in *The Times*," he said.

**Carol Leonard**

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# BUSINESS LETTERS

## Calendar year for tax returns

*From Mr Rex Parry*

Sir, With regard to the "tax year" and 1992.

What used to be called the "financial year" or "the fiscal year" is now more sensibly called "the tax year" by the Inland Revenue on its forms and notes.

Having recently had to go back over some recent years of personal tax papers, I am struck to find how cumbersome and open to mistake it is to have to work on tax years labelled "1988-89," "1987-88," "1986-87" and so on.

I have also had to deal with winding up the estate of a Canadian relative and found it much easier to work in calendar years, as they do there – and in the United States too, I believe.

I understand that our current practice is several hundred years old and arose because a March or early April ending to the tax year was convenient, in a mainly agricultural country, for the landed gentry, their tenants and dependent classes, who together created most of the wealth of the country.

With the diminishing importance of agriculture in our economic life, and the arguments in favour of a sensible standardisation of economic affairs in Europe, has not the time come when we should make the tax year co-incide with the calendar year?

And would it not be happy augury for 1992 if the change could be made then?

Yours faithfully,
REX PARRY,
11a Meadow Ridge,
Stafford,
Staffordshire.
February 11.

## A market test for credit card charges

*From Mr Gordon B. Ness*

Sir, Today (February 13) you report another hint, this time from Mr Peter Ellwood of Barclaycard, that new charges are likely to be introduced on credit cards because most customers clear their balances each month and pay no interest. We are obviously being softened up for the final blow.

Two points need to be made. First, the credit card companies do make a charge against the retailers for every transaction. They do not publicise the percentage but I have heard that it varies from 2 per cent to 5 per cent according to how hard they can squeeze individual retailers. How many intermediaries are lucky enough to be able to levy a charge on both the seller and the buyer? Second, we can always tear up our Access and Visa cards – well, cut them up. If we pay them our balances in full every month then it will be no great hardship to pay for goods as we buy them.

Somebody has to protest at this whingeing by the credit card companies. They are far from making a loss. They have just discovered that there may be another source of easy income and are testing the reaction of customers. Let us tell them "NO".

Yours faithfully,
GORDON B. NESS,
Little Drayton,
13 York Avenue,
West Kirby,
Wirral, Merseyside.
February 13.

## Demand will ensure house prices rise

*From Mr A W Tait*

Sir, *The Times* (February 9) quotes economists from two merchant banks as predicting sizeable falls in house prices in the next two years. Similar predictions were made in 1969, 1974 and 1980.

In those years, too, economists underestimated the importance of earnings rising faster than inflation, and the increasing tendency for two single persons to buy together.

Today, the rapid growth of inherited wealth and the readier availability of money are also increasing the traditional ratio of prices to earnings.

In those circumstances, average prices are likely to remain above the levels of a year ago, although, in the South, below the peaks of last summer.

In the short term, the level of interest rates will be critical but in the longer run strong demand, linked to the fact that two million more households are to be formed this century, will ensure that prices continue to rise in line with earnings, probably a little easier because of inherited wealth.

This means that there is a strong probability that prices will at least double by the end of the next decade.

The Woolwich Building Society has estimated that they will rise by over three times. This is what really matters to the buyer because buying a house is a long-term commitment.

Yours faithfully,
A W TAIT,
New Homes Marketing Board,
82 New Cavendish Street,
London

## Double-guessing the Budget

*From Mr N. A. Shelmerdine*

Sir, The Inland Revenue's use of supernatural powers – as exposed in recent correspondence in your columns – is not as good as it may seem.

For several years they have issued a coding notice in January or February, stating what they believe will be my annual allowance for the next financial year – before the Chancellor makes his budget announcement.

Each year so far they have guessed incorrectly, by assuming that there would be no change.

Once again they have made the guess and I wait with interest to see if, at last, they will have go it right.

If, as I expect, they get it wrong – again – what a terrible waste of tax-payers' money on unproductive work.

Will they never learn to wait until after the Budget announces the figures?

Yours faithfully,
N. A. SHELMERDINE,
Bracken,
St Catherines,
Hook Heath,
Woking,
Surrey.
February 11.

## Esops deliver the goods

*From Mr Malcolm Hurlston*

Sir, NFC is not quite as lonely a success story as Paddy Ashdown fears (article, February 6), although there is still a long way to go.

Over the past two years the UK Employee Share Ownership Plans (Esops) which combine employee shareholding with attractive corporate finance opportunities have begun to catch the imagination, and 20,000 employees in 14 companies (of which the first was RoadChef, the largest MFI and Yorkshire Rider and the most recent BREL) now own an average of 20 per cent of their companies through Esops.

To take off, Esops require a seal of governmental approval. The Trade Secretary, Lord Young, has firmly expressed his support and with an amendment to the Companies Bill the situation can easily be transformed.

American research confirms Paddy Ashdown's thesis that firms with employee ownership can deliver the goods.

Common sense dictates that a wider spread of capital ownership will produce a better nation.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM HURLSTON,
2 Ridgmount Street,
LONDON WC1.
February 9.

STOCK MARKETS

# Blue chips chased higher as foreign money pours in

Harassed market-makers were back on the run again, faced with a growing queue of foreign investors who still think the London market is good value for money.

Many blue chips finished with double-figure gains but turnover was low. By the close, 465 million shares had been traded, according to the Stock Exchange's computerized trading system.

The latest CBI survey, showing a slowdown in the economy, set the early pace.

Conditions were such that investors decided to shrug aside the latest money supply figures – showing bank lending rising to £8.5 billion during January – and pin their hopes on last Friday's news of a narrowing of the US trade deficit.

It was a safe bet with Wall Street closed for Washington's birthday.

Sentiment was also helped by Minorco's decision to renew its bid for Consolidated Gold Fields following government clearance. But ConsGold quickly rejected the terms, valuing it at £3.2 billion. Its shares recovered an early fall to finish just 8p dearer at £14.43.

**Coalite, the chemical producer, gained 9p to a peak of 392p. The price has now risen by 50p since the start of the month on talk that a bid may be just around the corner. This time, Anglo United, the open-cast coal mining group, has been mentioned as a possible suitor.**

The FT-SE 100 index ended just below its best levels of the day with a rise of 22.9 at 2,065.8. The narrower FT 30 index also rose 18.8 to 1,696.9. But fading hopes of a cut in interest rates left government securities nursing losses of £¼ at the longer end.

P&O, the shipping, construction and property group, was again being chased higher on revived speculative buying, ending 11p up at 685p, after 690p. Last week, the shares were trading at about the 650p level.

There have been a number of stories doing the rounds which have whetted investors' appetites. These include suggestions of a merger of its property interests with Hong Kong Land and a flotation of its construction interests. Only last month, it sold its 10 per cent holding in Taylor Woodrow.

Dealers are also talking about a possible property revaluation – which could be worth about £10 a share.

Rival Trafalgar House was another feature in a thin market, advancing 5p to 285p on takeover talk. But turnover was little more than 2 million shares.

US buying also lifted Racal Electronics by 12p to 350p and its offshoot, Racal Telecom, 13p to 277p. Interest also spilled over into other communications companies like British Telecom, 4p higher at 279p and Cable and Wireless, 9p to 429p.

Guinness, the brewing and distilling group, was an early feature, climbing 16p to 412p on a turnover of almost 4 million shares. Some investors have decided to try to guess the outcome of the Monopolies and Merger Commission's inquiry into the tied-house system. The findings of the inquiry have already been made known to Lord Young, the Trade Secretary. He is expected to make his decision known next month.

The investigation has been about whether or not the big brewers should have the right to sell their own beers and spirits through their own public houses. The MMC may have found that this is against the public interest and leave the decision to the publicans themselves.

Some brewers are likely to find the result of the inquiry much easier to live with than others. Guinness operates few public houses and concentrates on selling through other outlets. It may benefit greatly from the inquiry. As a result, some investors are already taking up positions, hoping to make a killing.

Mr John Spice, a drinks analysts at Kleinwort Benson, said: "If you wait until the day the report is published, the chances are investors will only be able to deal in one thousand shares at a time. So, most fund managers have decided to make their move now."

Others to go better included Allied-Lyons, 6p to 484p, Bass, 10p to 944p, Greenall Whitley, 5p to 305p, Whitbread A, 7p to 342p and Scottish & Newcastle, 5p to 428p. Among the distillers, Highland jumped 6p to 170p, Macallan-Glenlivet 50p to £15.25 and Macdonald Martin A 20p to £13.95.

The big four clearing banks attracted renewed support ahead of the reporting season which starts today with full-year figures from National Westminster. NatWest, up 6p at 618p, is expected to retain its position as Britain's most profitable bank with analysts looking for pre-tax profits of about £1.35 billion against £704 million last time.

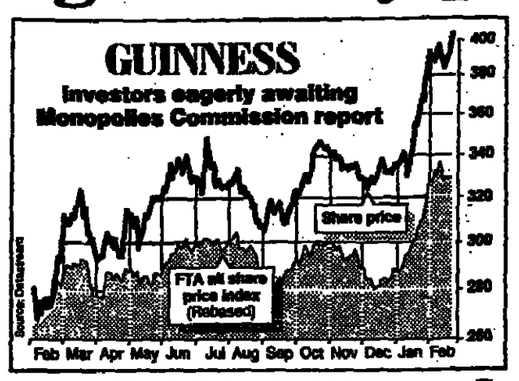
**Analysts are divided about prospects for ICI once full-year figures are announced on Thursday. Most are expecting pre-tax profits to rise from £1.3 billion to £1.48 billion. But BZW, the broker, is urging clients to take profits in the short-term. The shares closed 10p down at £11.94.**

Midland weighs in on Thursday and should reveal pre-tax profits up from £505 million to about £700 million. Midland finished 9p better at 466p. Barclays closed 1p lighter at 455p, while Lloyds ended all-square at 367p.

The insurance composites were held back by the news of General Accident's problems with its NZI Corporation subsidiary Down Under. NZI has had to postpone its rights issue after reporting third-quarter losses of NZ$202 million (£70 million) against a profit of NZ$104 million. General Accident, 8p lower at 985p, has decided to lend NZI NZ$100 million.

Elsewhere, Commercial Union, in which Mr John Spalvins, the Australian investor, increased his stake last week to 10 per cent, firmed 4p to 391p. Small rises were also seen in Guardian Royal Exchange, 3p to 217p, while Sun Alliance closed unchanged at £10.93 and Royal Insurance at 433p.

**Michael Clark**




## ALPHA STOCKS

| | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 | | Vol '000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ADT | 143 | CU. | 1,387 | L&G | 980 | Scot & N | 646 |
| Abbey | 1,028 | Cons Gold | 925 | Lloyds | 3,306 | Sears | 3,011 |
| Allo-Lyons | 3,254 | Cookson | 702 | Lonrho | 948 | Sedgwick | 131 |
| Amstrad | 1,317 | Courtaulds | 772 | Lucas | 725 | Shell | 2,480 |
| ASDA | 2,114 | Dalgety | 535 | Magnet | 579 | Slater | 288 |
| AB Foods | 97 | Distrs | 5,822 | M&S | 771 | Slough | 1,092 |
| Argyll | 786 | ECC | 2,724 | Maxwell Cm | 4,270 | Smith & N | 4,983 |
| BAA | 1,833 | Enterprise | 144 | MB Group | 125 | Smith WH | 41 |
| BET | 1,389 | Ferranti | 3,070 | MEPC | 235 | Smiths Ind | 618 |
| BTR | 3,298 | Fisons | 5,802 | Midland | 1,246 | STC | 1,547 |
| BAT | 1,824 | FKI Babck | 2,487 | NatWest | 2,446 | Stan Chart | 326 |
| Barclays | 2,000 | Gateway Cp | 981 | Next | 2,239 | Storehse | 3,022 |
| Bass | 477 | Gen Acc | 1,502 | Nth Food | 401 | Sun Alnce | 1,698 |
| Beecham | 2,305 | GEC | 9,407 | P&O | 907 | T & N | 544 |
| Bemrose | 487 | Glaxo | 1,895 | Pearl | 234 | Tarmac | 1,216 |
| Berisfd Intl | 312 | Globe Inv | 136 | Pearson | 574 | Tate & Lyle | 943 |
| BICC | 227 | Glynwed | 360 | Pilkington | 1,801 | Taylor Wood | 157 |
| Blue Arrow | 2,227 | Granada | 1,550 | Plessey | 1,938 | TSB | 1,894 |
| Blue Circle | 3,001 | Grand Met | 2,044 | Polly Peck | 323 | Tesco | 2,512 |
| BOC | 541 | GUS 'A' | 210 | Prudential | 7,255 | Thorn EMI | 1,871 |
| Boots | 225 | GRE | 785 | Racal | 6,552 | Trafalgar | 2,154 |
| BPB | 798 | GKN | 1,018 | Racal Tele | 1,534 | THF | 4,411 |
| Br Aero | 1,541 | Guinness | 4,727 | Rk Hovis | 133 | Ultramar | 1,148 |
| Br Airways | 3,389 | Hanes 'A' | 85 | Rank | 178 | Unigate | 1,375 |
| Br Comm | 255 | Hanson | 4,164 | R&C | 963 | Unilever | 1,709 |
| Br Gas | 5,521 | H & G | 211 | Redland | 1,235 | United Bis | 572 |
| Br Land | 2,335 | Hawker | 400 | Reed | 996 | Utd Nwsp | 488 |
| Br Petrol | 2,509 | Hillsdown | 1,373 | Reuters | 255 | Wellcome | 859 |
| Br Steel | 37,094 | IMI | 1,203 | RMC Gp | 913 | Whitbrd | 1,224 |
| Br Telecm | 1,697 | ICI | 1,811 | RTZ | 946 | Williams | 881 |
| Bunzl | 574 | Inchcape | 1,278 | R-Royce | 5,848 | Willis Fab | 15 |
| Burmah | 102 | Jaguar | 578 | Rothm 'B' | 225 | Wimpey G | 781 |
| Burton | 882 | Lasmo | 895 | Royal Bank | 498 | Woolworth | 484 |
| C&W | 1,986 | Ladbroke | 2,175 | Royal Ins | 914 | | |
| Cadbury | 236 | Land Sec | 443 | Sainsbl | 1,534 | Full list of Equities on page 31 | |
| Coats | 3,103 | Laporte | 50 | Sainsbury | 786 | | |

## LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

| | Calls Aug | Nov | Feb | Puts Aug | Nov | Feb |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allied Lyons ('484) | 40 | 50 | 60 | 2 | 7 | 12 |
| | 45 | 40 | 50 | 4½ | 12 | 17 |
| | 50 | 30 | 40 | 9 | 20 | 25 |
| Brit Air ('198) | 180 | 30 | 40 | 2 | 8 | 12 |
| | 200 | 15 | 25 | 11 | 20 | 25 |
| Brit Gas ('205) | 180 | 30 | 40 | 1 | 5 | 9 |
| | 200 | 15 | 25 | 5 | 12 | 17 |
| Brit Steel ('81) | 70 | 13½ | 15½ | 1 | 2½ | 4½ |
| | 80 | 5½ | 8½ | 10½ | 7 | 8½ |
| BP ('276) | 260 | 34½ | 39 | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| | 280 | 15½ | 24 | 6½ | 14 | 16 |
| Boots ('345) | 300 | 7 | 18 | 35 | 40 | 42 |
| C & W ('429) | 400 | 37 | 50 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| | 420 | 27 | 40 | 3 | 15 | 20 |
| Cons Gold ('1438) | 1400 | 95 | 130 | 45 | 58 | 68 |
| | 1450 | 70 | 100 | 80 | 110 | 120 |
| Courtauld ('300) | 280 | 22 | 30 | 4½ | 12 | 15 |
| | 300 | 14 | 24 | 13 | 21 | 23 |
| Cons Union ('382) | 360 | 37 | 45 | 6 | 10 | 15 |
| | 380 | 12 | 20 | 32 | 32 | 35 |
| GKN ('368) | 360 | 73 | 74 | 8 | 4 | 7 |
| | 380 | 44 | 49 | 22 | 9 | 12 |
| Grand Met ('532) | 500 | 41 | – | – | 5 | – |
| | 542 | 14 | – | – | 28 | – |
| ICI ('1198) | 1100 | 104 | 139 | 157 | 13 | 22 |
| | 1150 | 63 | 105 | 124 | 37 | 47 |
| | 1200 | 30 | 77 | 95 | 69 | 80 |
| | 1250 | 13 | 57 | 68 | 93 | 105 |
| Jaguar ('308) | 280 | 34 | 46 | 32 | 7½ | 14 |
| | 300 | 18 | 33 | 42 | 16 | 23 |
| Land Sec ('577) | 550 | 43 | 57 | 78 | 6 | 16 |
| | 600 | 13 | 32 | 48 | 29 | 37 |
| M & S ('168) | 140 | 30 | 38 | – | 3 | – |
| | 160 | 14 | 18 | 24 | 6 | 8 |
| STC ('332) | 280 | 58 | 64 | 72 | 2 | 6 |
| | 300 | 36 | 51 | 58 | 5 | 11 |
| Sainsbury ('236) | 220 | 17 | 32 | 39 | 18 | 22 |
| | 240 | 40 | 44 | 50 | 2 | 5½ |
| Shell ('378) | 360 | 20 | 40 | – | 5 | 7 |
| | 380 | 6 | – | – | 16 | – |
| Standard ('170) | 160 | 25 | 30 | 6 | 18 | 22 |
| | 180 | 9½ | 16 | 18 | 32 | 27 |
| Tesco ('358) | 300 | 65 | 71 | 77 | 2 | 4 |
| | 330 | 37 | 48 | 58 | 4 | 10 |
| Utd Biscuits ('330) | 300 | 41 | 48 | 55 | 5½ | 12 |
| | 330 | 19 | 30 | 36 | 15 | 21 |
| Ultramar ('299) | 260 | 39 | 45 | 49 | 1½ | 6 |
| | 280 | 22 | 31 | 35 | 5½ | 12 |
| Woolworth ('279) | 260 | 11 | 24 | 32 | 14 | 19 |
| | 280 | 5 | 14 | 23 | 30 | 32 |

| | Calls Apr | Aug | Nov | Puts Apr | Aug | Nov |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GEC ('232) | 200 | 36 | 45 | 49 | 1½ | 6 |
| | 220 | 19 | 31 | 35 | 5½ | 12 |
| | 240 | 9 | 21 | 21 | 18 | 25 |

| | Calls Apr | Jun | Sep | Puts Apr | Jun | Sep |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| R-Royce ('173) | 140 | 35 | 36 | 45 | ½ | 3 |
| | 160 | 17 | 18½ | 30 | 4 | 6 |
| | 180 | 5½ | 9½ | 17 | 11 | 15 |
| TSB ('122) | 110 | 19 | 20 | – | 1 | 2½ |
| | 120 | 7½ | 12 | 15 | 3½ | 4½ |
| | 130 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 11 |

| | Calls Feb | Apr | Jul | Puts Feb | Apr | Jul |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ladbroke ('533) | 480 | 112 | 120 | 128 | 1 | 1 |
| | 480 | 72 | 82 | 91 | 1 | 2 |
| | 500 | 32 | 46 | 59 | 1 | 8½ |

| | Calls Feb | May | Aug | Puts Feb | May | Aug |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brit Aero ('533) | 480 | 75 | 84 | 93 | 1 | 9 |
| | 500 | 36 | 52 | 63 | 2 | 19 |
| | 550 | 8 | 23 | 39 | 21 | 45 |
| BAA ('308) | 280 | 30 | 40 | 49 | ½ | 4 |
| | 300 | 10 | 26 | 35 | 1½ | 9 |
| | 330 | 1 | 12 | 19 | 23 | 28 |
| BAT Ind ('569) | 480 | 90 | 103 | 111 | ½ | 3 |
| | 500 | 58 | 68 | 80 | 1 | 9 |
| | 550 | 9 | 34 | 48 | 7 | 27 |
| Brit Tele ('279) | 280 | 18 | 30 | 36 | 1 | 4 |
| | 290 | 2 | 14 | 20 | 5 | 12 |
| | 300 | ½ | 7 | 12 | 28 | 28 |
| Cadbury ('369) | 330 | 28 | 38 | 50 | ½ | 3 |
| | 360 | 4 | 19 | 31 | 6 | 20 |
| | 390 | ½ | 10 | 17 | 34 | 43 |
| Gateway ('413) | 360 | 54 | 58 | 72 | 1 | 8 |
| | 390 | 24 | 34 | 46 | 1½ | 11 |
| | 420 | 14 | 19 | 30 | 12 | 24 |
| LASMO ('468) | 420 | 68 | 82 | 100 | 1 | 7 |
| | 460 | 28 | 35 | 72 | 1 | 20 |
| | 500 | 3 | 12 | 33 | 33 | 56 |

| | Calls Feb | May | Aug | Puts Feb | May | Aug |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| P & O ('685) | 560 | 126 | 146 | 160 | 1½ | 4 |
| | 600 | 85 | 95 | 107 | 2 | 8 |
| | 650 | 35 | 48 | 67 | 8 | 18 |
| Pilkington ('252) | 220 | 37 | 39 | 41 | 1 | 3 |
| | 240 | 15½ | 23 | 28 | ½ | 5 |
| Plessey ('286) | 260 | 1½ | 12 | 15 | 12 | 17 |
| | 280 | 36 | 47 | 52 | 1 | 4 |
| | 300 | 14 | 30 | 36 | 1 | 8 |
| Prudential ('172) | 140 | 34 | 35 | 38 | 1 | 1½ |
| | 160 | 14 | 18 | 22 | 1 | 5 |
| | 180 | 1 | 7 | 12 | 9 | 15 |
| Racal ('350) | 280 | 71 | 83 | 85 | ½ | 2½ |
| | 300 | 51 | 65 | 70 | ½ | 4½ |
| | 320 | 21 | 39 | 49 | 1 | 10 |
| RTZ ('516) | 460 | 57 | 72 | 83 | 1 | 7 |
| | 500 | 19 | 42 | 58 | 3 | 20 |
| | 550 | 1 | 19 | 33 | 36 | 55 |
| Vaal Reefs ('70) | 60 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 1 | 2 |
| | 70 | 2 | 6½ | 8 | 1 | 6 |
| | 80 | 1 | 3 | 4½ | 11 | 12 |

| | Calls Mar | Jun | Sep | Puts Mar | Jun | Sep |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amstrad ('157) | 140 | 20 | 26 | 34 | 3½ | 6½ |
| | 160 | 7 | 15 | 21 | 9 | 15 |
| | 180 | 3 | 8 | 13 | 27 | 27 |
| Barclays ('468) | 420 | 48 | 47 | 57 | 4 | 8 |
| | 440 | 12 | 23 | 28 | 28 | 28 |
| | 460 | 4 | 9 | 14 | 63 | 63 |
| Blue Circ ('538) | 420 | 120 | 124 | 130 | 1½ | 3 |
| | 480 | 80 | 84 | 94 | 2 | 9 |
| | 500 | 46 | 54 | 65 | 8 | 16 |
| Dixons ('159) | 140 | 24 | 32 | 36 | 2 | 6 |
| | 160 | 10½ | 20 | 28 | 8½ | 14 |
| | 180 | 5½ | 11½ | 18 | 28 | 28 |
| Glaxo ('1274) | 1160 | 134 | 170 | 207 | 5 | 18 |
| | 1200 | 88 | 134 | 160 | 11 | 32 |
| | 1250 | 53 | 100 | 145 | 34 | 48 |
| | 1300 | 32 | 74 | 110 | 56 | 74 |
| Hanson ('548) | 560 | 107 | 120 | 132 | 1 | 7 |
| | 600 | 69 | 77 | 87 | 7 | 17 |
| | 650 | 28 | 47 | 57 | 22 | 40 |
| Hillsdown ('282) | 260 | 24 | 34 | 40 | 3 | 7 |
| | 280 | 14 | 22 | 29 | 9 | 15 |
| | 300 | 5 | 13 | 21 | 22 | 25 |
| Lonhro ('347) | 320 | 27 | 44 | 56 | 8 | 17 |
| | 340 | 11 | 27 | 35 | 23 | 32 |
| Midland ('469) | 440 | 43 | 53 | 63 | 4 | 7 |
| | 460 | 13 | 25 | 35 | 18 | 21 |
| | 500 | 4 | 11 | 16 | 53 | 55 |
| Sears ('122) | 110 | 14½ | 19 | 22½ | 1¼ | 5½ |
| | 120 | 5½ | 14 | 16 | 4½ | 10 |
| | 130 | 2½ | 9 | 12 | 10½ | 15 |
| TNT ('284) | 260 | 28 | 38 | 46 | 2 | 5½ |
| | 280 | 13 | 25 | 35 | 7½ | 11 |
| | 300 | 5 | 14½ | 23 | 20 | 24 |
| Thorn EMI ('725) | 660 | 75 | 90 | 102 | 3 | 7 |
| | 700 | 36 | 50 | 66 | 15 | 26 |
| | 750 | 7 | 23 | 35 | 48 | 55 |
| Wellcome ('484) | 420 | 68 | 85 | 102 | 2 | 7 |
| | 460 | 35 | 55 | 73 | 10 | 17 |
| | 500 | 15 | 34 | 51 | 33 | 35 |

| | Calls Apr | Jul | Oct | Puts Apr | Jul | Oct |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boots ('369) | 340 | 29 | 37 | 43 | 2½ | 8 |
| | 360 | 12 | 21 | 29 | 9 | 15 |
| | 380 | 6 | 13 | 21 | 23 | 27 |

| | Calls Mar | Jun | Sep | Puts Mar | Jun | Sep |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brit Gas ('178) | 140 | 38 | 44 | – | ½ | 3 |
| | 160 | 18½ | 26½ | – | 2½ | 4 |
| | 180 | 4¼ | 11 | 13½ | 7 | 9 |
| | 200 | ½ | 5¼ | 6½ | 20 | 20 |

| | Calls Mar | Jul | Oct | Puts Mar | Jul | Oct |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Beecham ('390) | 460 | 137 | 152 | 163 | 1 | 3 |
| | 500 | 95 | 115 | 128 | 1½ | 7 |
| | 550 | 50 | 73 | 89 | 5 | 17 |
| | 600 | 28 | 44 | 60 | 26 | 39 |
| Unilever ('353) | 460 | 110 | 118 | 132 | 1 | 2½ |
| | 500 | 70 | 83 | 100 | 1½ | 7½ |
| | 550 | 36 | 48 | 65 | 10 | 21 |

| | Calls May | Aug | Nov | Puts May | Aug | Nov |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BTR ('388) | 300 | 43 | 43 | 50 | 1 | 3½ |
| | 330 | 18 | 30 | 28 | 6½ | 12 |
| | 360 | 5 | 7½ | 17 | 25 | 31 |
| Hanson ('181) | 140 | 43½ | 45½ | 47 | ½ | ½ |
| | 160 | 23½ | 29 | 29½ | 1 | 1½ |
| | 180 | 6½ | 10½ | 14½ | 4½ | 6½ |
| | 200 | 1 | 3 | 6½ | 20 | 20 |
| Tesco ('169) | 130 | 35 | 36 | 36 | ½ | 1½ |
| | 140 | 25 | 27 | 31 | 1½ | 3 |
| | 160 | 8 | 12 | 17 | 7 | 10 |

| | Calls May | | Puts May | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Enterprise ('548) | 500 | 55 | – | 9 |
| | 550 | 22 | – | 30 |
| | 600 | 7 | – | 65 |
| Scot & New ('428) | 380 | 47 | 59 | 9 |
| | 420 | 25 | 39 | 26 |
| | 460 | 10 | 19 | 55 |

FT-SE INDEX ('2000)

| Series | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Feb | Mar | Apr | May |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1900 | 178 | 200 | 212 | 230 | 1 | 8 | 16 | 28 |
| 1950 | 130 | 153 | 176 | 195 | 2 | 14 | 22 | 36 |
| 2000 | 85 | 115 | 137 | 166 | 7 | 22 | 32 | 45 |
| 2050 | 44 | 78 | 96 | 119 | 17 | 40 | 50 | 66 |
| 2100 | 16 | 48 | 70 | 92 | 46 | 62 | 78 | 93 |
| 2150 | 5 | 23 | 50 | 67 | 100 | 100 | 110 | 126 |

February 20, 1989 Total: 46915 Calls 37408 Puts 9508 FT-SE: Calls 3917 Puts 4230 *Underlying security price.

# Hong Kong shares in strong advance

Hong Kong (Reuter) – Renewed bullish sentiment boosted prices sharply after last week's consolidation. The Hang Seng index rose 53.59 points to 3,159.84 and the Hong Kong index 35.44 to 2,087.73. Turnover totalled HK$1.7 billion (£122.8 million), just under Friday's HK$1.76 billion.

A broker said: "Technically, the market was looking ready to bounce back, which it did on Friday and then followed through today. The weekend news was all favourable, so the green light is flashing on again."

Stelux topped the active list, rising 22.5 cents to HK$3.575 after a crossing of 10 million shares at HK$3.35. South China Securities later confirmed that it was a buyer of the stock.

Jardines was also active. It ended 80 cents higher at HK$19.70. Market talk of a further restructuring of the company started buying.

● Sydney – The All-Ordinaries index closed 24.4 higher at 1,472.7, just off the day's high of 1,473.2. The All-Industrials index climbed 28.8 to 2,459.7, the All-Resources 20.3 to 734.9 and the gold marker 19.2 to 1,404.3.

The falling Australian dollar gave the market the stimulus to close sharply higher in solid trading, brokers said.

● Tokyo – The Nikkei firmed 3.69 to a record finish of 32,177.08 after rising 89.81 to the previous record close of 32,173.39 on Friday. But in the broader market, declines outnumbered rises by seven to five in a light turnover of 1.2 billion shares against 1.8 billion. Prices generally closed lower, retreating from early highs on concern about the recent fast rise of the market. But index futures-related buying near the close lifted the index slightly.

● Singapore – The *Straits Times* industrial index managed a marginal 2.84 gain to 1,132.77, while turnover fell to 28.3 million shares from Friday's 38.5 million. The market closed on a mixed note.

● Frankfurt – The 30-share DAX index closed at 1,319.91, up 4.82 points. Shares closed slightly firmer after thin, listless trading.

**Wall Street was closed yesterday for Washington's birthday**

# EW Tarry at £3.15m

EW Tarry, an offshoot of W&A, the South African industrial holding and investment company, raised pre-tax profits from R8.57 million to R13.88 million (£3.15 million) in the year to end-December. The total dividend is increased from 23 cents to 30 cents by a 16 cent final. Mr Ivan Posniak, the chairman, said given stable operating conditions pre-tax profits should show "substantial growth" in 1989, but this would not be fully reflected in earnings per share because of an expected increase in the effective tax rate.

## Hicking stake

Shares in Hicking Pentecost, the textiles group, rose 5p to 94p after Robertshaw Holdings declared a 14.8 per cent holding. The block of shares has changed hands three times recently, being sold by Telfos, then to Parkfield.

## Lancaster plan

Lancaster, the car dealer, is setting up a new way of selling used cars, supported by Halfords. The first venture, at Altrincham, Cheshire, will offer customers all the benefits normally associated with buying new cars.

## Castletown up

Castletown Press raised pre-tax profits 26 per cent to Ir£80,207 (£64,683) in the six months to end-October on sales up 23 per cent to Ir£523,823. The interim dividend is held at Ir2p.

## New member

Racal Telecom is joining a West German cellular radio consortium formed by Veba, the industrial group and BMW, the luxury cars group, to bid for a licence in West Germany.

## Bridon buy

Bridon is taking over Esbjerg Tov, a Danish maker and distributor of synthetic fibre ropes, twine and net. Esbjerg has yearly sales of £2.5 million.

## Agency buy

Burns-Anderson, the recruitment agency, has taken over Communicaid, of Rugby, for £800,000, giving the group 24 recruitment agencies and 10 secretarial training centres.

## IMI £1m deal

IMI, the metals group, has been awarded a £1 million contract to supply alloy tubes to the Yueyang power station on the Yangtze River, China.

## GKN venture

GKN, the engineering group, has formed an industrial joint venture with Brambles Industries, in Australia, to develop Cleanaway in Europe.

## Holding raised

The Cremation Society of Great Britain has slightly raised its holding in London Cremation Company to 31.69 per cent.

## Astra contract

Astra Holdings, the pyrotechnics group, has won a £4.5 million contract from the Ministry of Defence for practice bombs.

## RECENT ISSUES

**EQUITIES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Apollo Metals (55p) | 71 |
| Ass Farmers | 75 –5 |
| Bardon Group | 154 |
| Betacom (62p) | 78 +2 |
| Brit Steel P/P (60p) | 60 +1 |
| Capital Leasing (44p) | 75 |
| Cassidy Bros | 66 |
| Channel Express (70p) | 108 +18 |
| CLF Yeoman | 408 +5 |
| Compass Group (245p) | 329 +4 |
| Dawsongroup (154p) | 190 +2 |
| Embassy Prop. Gp | 188 |
| Europa Minerals (100p) | 118 |
| Fenapak (125p) | 138 |
| Hoang Estate | 90 |
| Hoskins Brewery | 80 |
| Mainya Gp (47p) | 47 |
| Metro Radio (110p) | 194 |
| Nasonal Freight | 253 –1 |
| Planning Research (120p) | 140 |
| Poddington | 29 +1 |
| Racal Telecom | 277 +13 |
| Sandell (117p) | 122 |
| Secure Trust (140p) | 188 +1 |
| Sheriff Hidgs (140p) | 150 +2 |
| Tollgate Hidgs | 42 |
| Torex Hire | 74 |
| Unit Group (140p) | 145 |
| Venture Plant (95p) | 111 –2 |
| Wood (Graham) (185p) | 201 |

**RIGHTS ISSUES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Charterhall N/P | 2½ |
| Clarke Hooper N/P | 16 |
| Exsamet N/P | 35 +3 |
| Hugh HT N/P | 21 |
| Lynx Group N/P | 7 |
| Merecom Int N/P | 6 |
| National Freight N/P | 122 |
| Stanco N/P | 1½ –½ |
| Woodingtons N/P | |

(Issue price in brackets).

## TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

| First Dealings | Last Dealings | Last Declaration | For Settlement |
|---|---|---|---|
| February 20 | March 3 | June 1 | June 12 |

Cost options were taken out on 20/2/89 Boots, Exploration Co of Louisiana, CI Group, Monsat, Rutland, Clyvedon, Racoon Holdings, Halma, Dares Estate, Beamwood, Comet-Secs, Confederated Housing, Stormguard, Bellway, Haden, Marsh Resources, A Marsh, Blacks Leisure, Clifford Foods, Ramsay, P Black, Press Holden Bar, Amstrad.


Vickers

*HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN, SIR DAVID PLASTOW:*

| Results in Brief (£m) | 1988 | 1987 |
|---|---|---|
| Sales | 776.3 | 788.3 |
| Profit before taxation | 69.8 | 62.6 |
| Shareholders' profit | 42.9 | 42.3 |
| Dividends | (19.6) | (17.5) |
| Profit retained | 23.3 | 24.8 |
| Earnings per 50p ordinary share | 19.3p | 17.4p |

*1988 has been a significant and stimulating year for our Company, as the reshaping of our portfolio of businesses has continued. Pre-tax profits at £69.8m showed an increase of 11.5%. Earnings per share were 19.3p, an increase of 10.9% over 1987, up for the fifth consecutive year. From 5.6p in 1983, earnings per share have grown at a compound annual rate of 28%.*

*These results were achieved despite adverse currency movements; in particular, the decline of the U.S. dollar.*

*ROLLS-ROYCE MOTOR CARS produced an outstanding performance despite the weakened dollar. Sales in the U.S. were up on 1987, in marked contrast to those of other highly-priced European imports.*

*In December 1988, our DEFENCE SYSTEMS development proposals for the Challenger 2 tank were accepted by the Government, and we shall produce a batch of prototypes by September 1990.*

*HOWSON-ALGRAPHY, our lithographic printing plates and supplies Division, had another good year, and increased shares in all key markets.*

*The MEDICAL DIVISION made worthwhile progress. Our new purchase, the Danish high-technology monitoring company, S&W, produced profits in line with expectations and gives the Division good scope for growth into related areas.*

*In the difficult area of MARINE ENGINEERING there was some deterioration in profits overall.*

*CRABTREE VICKERS, the specialist printing machinery Division in Leeds, performed well, as did VICKERS PRECISION COMPONENTS, suppliers to the gas turbine aero-engine industry.*

*The Board is recommending a final net dividend of 4.6p per share, making a total of 7.5p for the year compared to 6.7p for 1987.*

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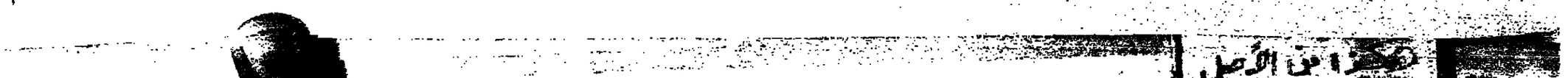
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14.5p EARNINGS PER 50p ORDINARY SHARE

11.4p EARNINGS PER 50p ORDINARY SHARE

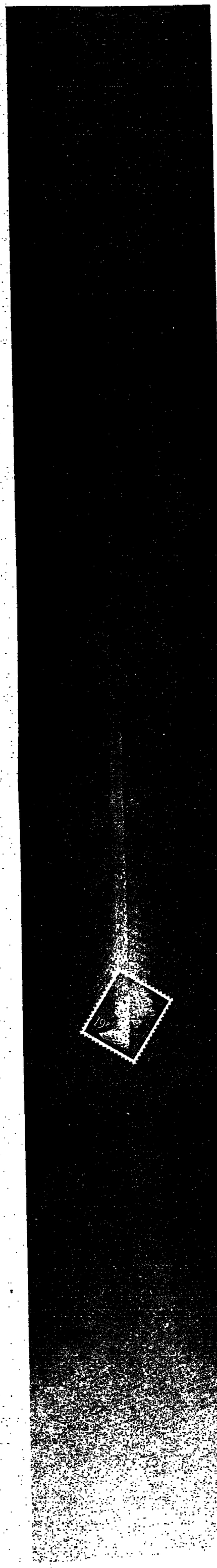
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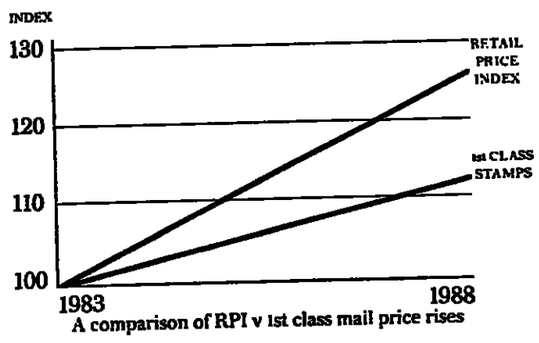
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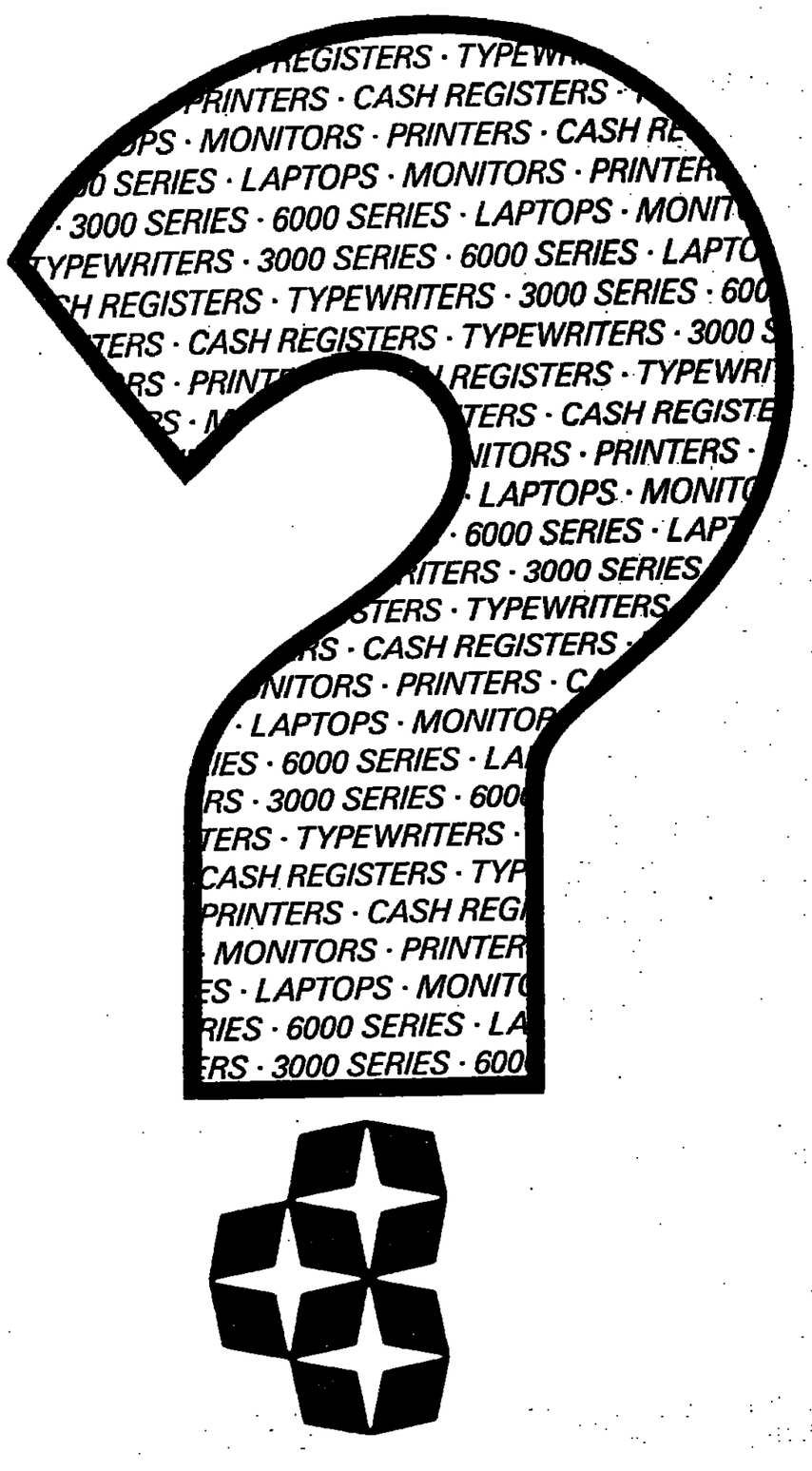
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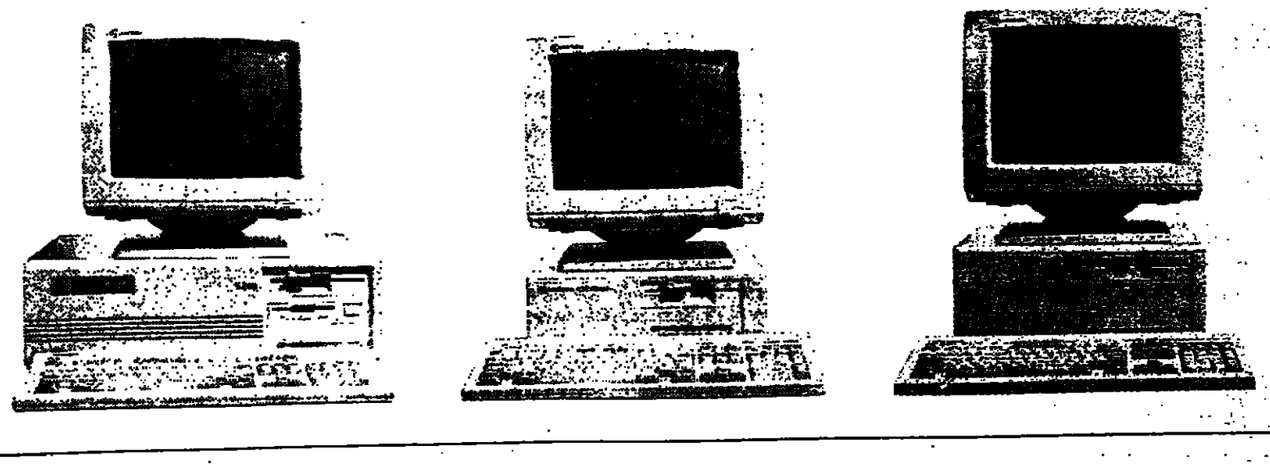
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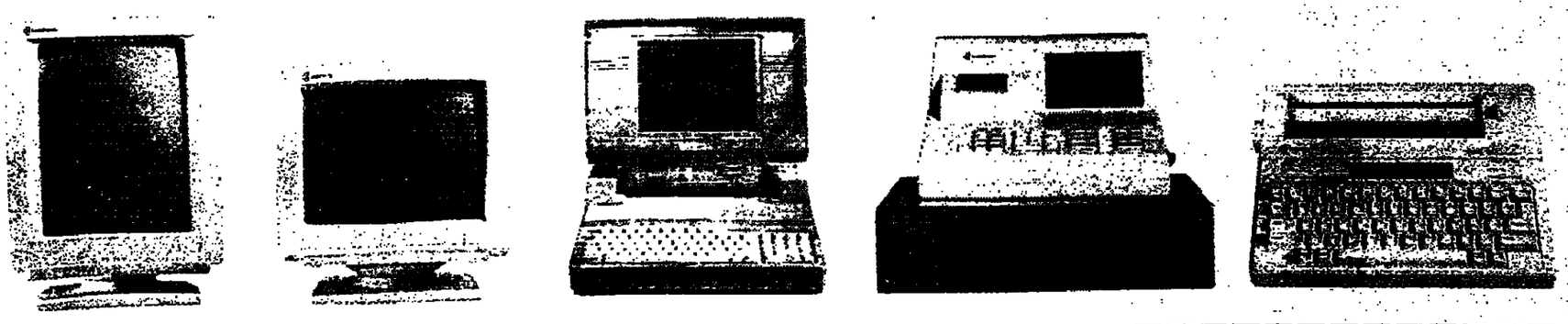
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## FOREIGN EXCHANGES

**Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 97.7 (day's range 97.6-97.7).**

### STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for February 20

| | Range | Close | 1 month | 3 month |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Yrk | 1.7650-1.7690 | 1.7650-1.7660 | 0.45-0.44pr | 1.29-1.27pr |
| Montrl | 2.0965-2.1045 | 2.0969-2.1007 | 0.26-0.22pr | 0.47-0.40pr |
| Amstrdm | 3.6631-3.6742 | 3.6691-3.6739 | 1¾-1½pr | 5¼-5⅛pr |
| Brussels | 67.89-68.34 | 68.13-68.34 | 31-24pr | 84-70pr |
| Copnhgn | 12.6235-12.6622 | 12.6461-12.6586 | 5-4¾pr | 14¾-13⅞pr |
| Dublin | 1.2202-1.2220 | 1.2206-1.2216 | 59-53pr | 157-145pr |
| Frankft | 3.2455-3.2566 | 3.2511-3.2547 | 1⅝-1½pr | 4⅝-4⅜pr |
| Lisbon | 266.06-267.39 | 266.28-267.31 | 48-10pr | 96-7pr |
| Madrid | 201.91-203.06 | 202.60-203.06 | 8-3pr | 1-13ds |
| Milan | 2380.82-2390.02 | 2382.72-2385.04 | 2-1pr | 8-1pr |
| Oslo | 11.7870-11.8109 | 11.7870-11.8025 | 1⅝-1¼pr | 4⅝-4⅛pr |
| Paris | 11.0478-11.0863 | 11.0726-11.0842 | 3⅛-3⅞pr | 9⅝-9⅜pr |
| Stckhlm | 11.1087-11.1276 | 11.1087-11.1195 | 1⅞-1½pr | 5⅞-5⅝pr |
| Tokyo | 222.77-223.36 | 222.97-223.27 | 1⅝-1½pr | 4⅝-4⅜pr |
| Vienna | 22.83-22.89 | 22.86-22.89 | 11⅝-10⅞pr | 35⅞-33pr |
| Zurich | 2.7591-2.7700 | 2.7633-2.7666 | 1⅝-1½pr | 4⅝-4½pr |

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

### OTHER STERLING RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Argentina austral* | 32.0060-32.2204 |
| Australia dollar | 2.1548-2.1587 |
| Bahrain dinar | 0.6650-0.6690 |
| Brazil cruzado* | 1.7556-1.7655 |
| Cyprus pound | 0.8350-0.8450 |
| Finland markka | 7.53-7.57 |
| Greece drachma | 271.0-273.0 |
| Hong Kong dollar | 13.7681-13.7786 |
| India rupee | 26.87-27.07 |
| Kuwait dinar KD | 0.5055-0.5095 |
| Malaysia ringgit | 4.8134-4.8198 |
| Mexico peso | 4075-4175 |
| New Zealand dollar | 2.8610-2.8620 |
| Saudi Arabia riyal | 6.6126-6.6525 |
| Singapore dollar | 3.3963-3.4001 |
| S Africa rand (fin) | 6.6524-6.9921 |
| S Africa rand (com) | 4.3865-4.3934 |
| U A E dirham | 6.4750-6.5150 |

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

### DOLLAR SPOT RATES

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ireland | 1.4450-1.4465 | Denmark | 7.1700-7.1750 | Italy | 1352.0-1353.0 |
| Singapore | 1.9245-1.9255 | W Germany | 1.8445-1.8455 | Belgium (Com) | 38.65-38.70 |
| Malaysia | 2.7275-2.7295 | Switzerland | 1.5685-1.5695 | Hong Kong | 7.8020-7.8030 |
| Australia | 1.2210-1.2224 | Netherlands | 2.0820-2.0830 | Portugal | 151.10-151.50 |
| Canada | 1.1880-1.1890 | France | 6.2800-6.2850 | Spain | 114.85-114.95 |
| Sweden | 6.3000-6.3050 | Japan | 126.40-126.50 | Austria | 12.96-12.97 |
| Norway | 6.6850-6.6900 | | | | |

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

## MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 13 Finance Hse 13½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 13 Low 12½ Week fixed: 12⅞
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 12⅜ 3 mth – 12$^{17}/_{32}$
Selling: 2 mth – 12⅜ 3 mth – 12$^{7}/_{16}$
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 12$^{21}/_{32}$-$^{19}/_{32}$
2 mth: 12$^{21}/_{32}$-12⅝ 3 mth: 12$^{9}/_{16}$-$^{15}/_{32}$ 6 mth 12⅜-12$^{7}/_{16}$
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 13$^{3}/_{32}$
2 mth: 13$^{3}/_{32}$ 3 mth: 13$^{1}/_{16}$ 6 mth 12⅞
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 12⅞ close 12½
1 week: 12⅞-12⅞ 1 mth: 12$^{15}/_{16}$-12⅞ 3 mth: 13-12$^{15}/_{16}$
6 mth: 13-12⅞ 9 mth: 12⅞-12⅞ 12 mth: 12⅞-12⅞
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 12⅞ 7 day: 12⅞ 1 mth: 12⅞
3 mth: 12$^{15}/_{16}$ 6 mth: 13 12 mth: 12⅞
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 12⅞-12⅞
3 mth: 13-12⅞ 6 mth: 12⅞-12⅞ 12 mth 13$^{1}/_{16}$-$^{3}/_{16}$
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 9.40-9.35
3 mth: 9.70-9.65 6 mth: 9.90-9.85 12 mth 10.15-10.1
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 12⅞-12⅞ 2 mth: 12$^{15}/_{16}$-12⅞ 3 mth: 12$^{15}/_{16}$-12⅞
6 mth: 12⅞-12⅞ 9 mth: 12⅞-12⅞ 12 mth: 12$^{15}/_{16}$-$^{7}/_{16}$

### ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1989. Agreed rates Feb 28, 1989 to Mar 25, 1989; Scheme I: 13.93 per cent. Schemes II & III: 14.41 per cent. Reference rate Dec 31, 1988 to Jan 31, 1989. Scheme IV & V: 13.171 per cent.

### EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

| Currency | 7 day | 1 mth | 3 mth | 6 mth |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dollar: | 9⅛-9 | 9⅜-9¼ | 9⅝-9½ | 9$^{13}/_{16}$-$^{11}/_{16}$ |
| Call: 9⅞-8⅞ | | | | |
| Deutschemark: | 6-5⅞ | 6⅛-6⅛ | 6$^{5}/_{16}$-6$^{7}/_{16}$ | 6$^{11}/_{16}$-6$^{9}/_{16}$ |
| Call: 6-5 | | | | |
| French Franc: | 8⅞-8⅞ | 9$^{1}/_{16}$-8$^{15}/_{16}$ | 9⅛-9⅛ | 9⅛-9⅛ |
| Call: 8⅞-7⅞ | | | | |
| Swiss Franc: | 5⅞-5⅞ | 5$^{13}/_{16}$-$^{11}/_{16}$ | 5$^{15}/_{16}$-$^{13}/_{16}$ | 5$^{15}/_{16}$-$^{13}/_{16}$ |
| Call: 5½-4½ | | | | |
| Yen: | 4⅛-4⅛ | 4⅛-4⅛ | 4$^{11}/_{16}$-4$^{9}/_{16}$ | 4$^{11}/_{16}$-4$^{9}/_{16}$ |
| Call: 3⅞-2⅞ | | | | |

### GOLD

**BULLION:**
Open: $382.00-382.50 Close: $382.25-382.75
High: $382.25-382.75 Low: $381.75-382.25

**COINS:** Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $393.00-398.00 (£222.50-225.50)
Krugerrand: $381.00-384.00 (£215.50-217.50)
Mapleleaf (1/1oz): $393.00-398.00 (£222.50-225.50)
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## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

| | Open | High | Low | Close | Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **FT-SE 100** | | | Previous open interest 20076 | | |
| Mar 89 | 207.10 | 208.30 | 206.60 | 208.20 | 2579 |
| Jun 89 | 212.50 | 213.50 | 212.50 | 213.55 | 252 |
| **Three Month Sterling** | | | Previous open interest 59401 | | |
| Mar 89 | 87.08 | 87.10 | 87.03 | 87.08 | 4100 |
| Jun 89 | 87.59 | 87.52 | 87.46 | 87.48 | 10617 |
| Sep 89 | 88.20 | 88.25 | 88.12 | 88.12 | 1039 |
| Dec 89 | 88.80 | 88.82 | 88.62 | 88.82 | 186 |
| **Three Month Eurodollar** | | | Previous open interest 54452 | | |
| Mar 89 | 90.08 | 90.11 | 90.08 | 90.10 | 682 |
| Jun 89 | 89.91 | 89.91 | 89.81 | 89.82 | 1360 |
| Sep 89 | 89.96 | 89.96 | 89.96 | 89.96 | 209 |
| Dec 89 | 89.99 | 89.99 | 89.94 | 89.96 | 66 |

| | Open | High | Low | Close | Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **US Treasury Bond** | | | Previous open interest 10099 | | |
| Mar 89 | 88-28 | 89-00 | 88-25 | 88-28 | 543 |
| Jun 89 | NT | | | 88-25 | 0 |
| **Long Gilt** | | | Previous open interest 38938 | | |
| Mar 89 | 96-06 | 96-10 | 96-00 | 96-00 | 7843 |
| Jun 89 | 96-12 | 96-14 | 96-06 | 96-07 | 1606 |
| Sep 89 | NT | | | | 0 |
| **Japanese Govt Bond** | | | Previous open interest 764 | | |
| Mar 89 | 107.02 | 107.02 | 107.02 | 106.97 | 1 |
| Jun 89 | 106.02 | 106.02 | 105.92 | 105.85 | 155 |
| **German Govt Bond** | | | Previous open interest 22089 | | |
| Mar 89 | 94.16 | 94.20 | 94.09 | 94.09 | 2013 |
| Jun 89 | 93.47 | 93.48 | 93.36 | 93.38 | 1663 |

## COMMODITIES

**ICIS-LOR Group**

With the USA on holiday, the crude oil market drifted higher partially in response to Opec production estimates and anticipation about today's meeting of Non-Opec producers. European product markets were firm but quiet.

**CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brent Phys | 17.35 | +5 |
| 15 day Mar | 16.80 | +15 |
| 15 day Apr | 16.20 | +15 |
| WTI Mar | Clsd | |
| WTI Apr | Clsd | |

**PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.**
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Prem Gas 15 | +1 | 182-183 | |
| Gasoil EEC | | 145-146 | |
| Non 1H Mar | +1 | 142-143 | |
| Non 1H Apr | +1 | 138-140 | |
| 3.5 Fuel Oil | | 74-75 | |
| Naphtha | +2 | 165-167 | +2 |

**BIFFEX**
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Mar 89 Hi 1615-1606 Low Close 1606
Apr 89 Hi 1665-1650 Low Close 1650
Jul 89 Hi 1475-1453 Low Close 1469
Oct 89 Hi 1575-1570 Low Close 1572
Vol 346 lots Open interest 6506
Dry cargo index 1502 +7 on 17/2/89

**IPE FUTURES**

GAS OIL G W Joynson
Mar 142.00-41.75
Apr 139.75-39.50
May 138.00-37.00
Jun 136.50-36.00
Jul 137.00-36.50
Aug 140.00-37.00
Sep 142.00-37.00
Vol 2639

BRENT G W Joynson
Apr 16.25-16.23
May 15.91-15.90
Vol 2712

**LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)**

| Mth | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Apr | 63.5 | 62.8 |
| May | 77.0 | 78.1 |
| Nov | 88.9 | 90.0 |
| Feb | 99.0 | 98.0 |
| | | Vol 206 |

**LONDON FOX**

COCOA G W Joynson
Mar 853-850 Dec 885-882
May 868-867 Mar 876-873
Jul 860-867 May 877-875
Sep 867-866 Vol 4157

COFFEE G W Joynson
Mar 1143-1141 Nov 1075-1071
May 1123-1120 Jan 1072-1067
Jul 1095-1093 Mar 1066-1060
Sep 1085-1084 Vol 2818

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 500
Mar 262.0-61.8 Oct 259.0-58.8
May 265.0-64.5 Dec 257.0-56.4
Aug 264.0-63.6 Mar 255.0-54.0

**LONDON GRAIN FUTURES**
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 317
Mr 111.75 My 115.70 Jn 117.75
Sp 104.00 Nv 106.65 Ja 109.25
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 298
Mr 108.30 My 111.15 Sp 100.70
Nv 103.85 Ja 106.85 Mr 110.05

SOYABEAN
Apr 155.0-54.0 Oct 145.0-43.0
Jun 150.5-48.0 Dec 143.0-39.5
Aug 145.0-43.0 Feb 145.0-38.0
Vol 50

**LONDON METAL EXCHANGE**
Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolf

| (£/tonne) | Cash | 3 month | Vol | Tone |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Copper Gde A | 1898.0-1899.0 | 1614.0-1615.0 | 280275 | Firmer |
| Lead | 346.50-347.00 | 353.00-354.00 | 86360 | Steadier |
| Zinc Hi Gde* | 2011.0-2013.0 | 1907.0-1910.0 | 72225 | Very Firm |
| Silver Large† | 586.00-589.00 | 601.00-602.00 | 1 | Quiet |
| Silver Small† | 586.00-589.00 | 601.00-602.00 | Nil | Quiet |
| Aluminium HI* | 2146.0-2148.0 | 2128.0-2130.0 | 169275 | Bsly Stdy |
| Nickel* | 19000-19100 | 18350-18400 | 8742 | Very Stdy |

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

**LONDON MEAT FUTURES (Avg)**
Live Pig Contract

| Mth | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Feb | 100.4 | 100.5 |
| Apr | 103.0 | 103.1 |
| Jun | 104.8 | 104.9 |
| Aug | 102.5 | 102.4 |

Live Cattle Contract

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Feb | 109.0 | 109.0 |
| Apr | 115.0 | 115.0 |
| Jun | 115.0 | 115.0 |

Vol Pig-10 Cattle-0

**MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION**
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on February 20

| (dkg lw) | Pig | Sheep | Cattle |
|---|---|---|---|
| GB (p) | 79.68 | 141.94 | 107.85 |
| GB (+/-) | n/a | +6.61 | +0.37 |
| Eng/Wal (%) | +8.7 | -2.5 | -6.3 |
| Eng/Wal (p) | 79.77 | 141.43 | 107.97 |
| Eng/Wal (+/-) | +0.06 | +6.32 | +0.30 |
| Scotland (%) | +25.8 | -14.4 | +21.0 |
| Scotland (p) | 73.20 | 144.88 | 106.88 |
| Scotland (+/-) | -3.86 | +9.66 | +0.74 |

* Estimated dead carcase weight.

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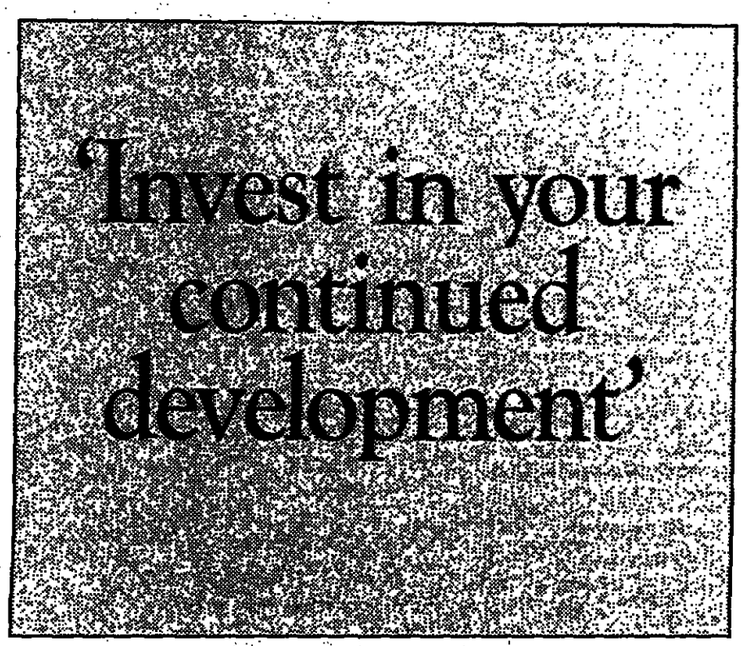
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# THE LAW

## Peace plan in battle of the sexes

LEGAL BRIEF

**Evelyn Ellis looks at the shortcomings in our equal opportunity legislation**

A law on equality of opportunity for men and women is essential to our society. Its value can never be scientifically assessed but it is undeniable. The potential impact of the legislation as a source of social change is great and it also plays a significant educative and exemplary role.

These principles were presumably accepted by Parliament when it enacted our anti-discrimination legislation, yet many of the underlying principles seem not to have been confronted. In particular, should the law require identical treatment for both sexes in all circumstances? Or should it aim instead for equality of outcome? The present legislation represents an unhappy blend of the two notions.

What the law really should seek is identical opportunities for male and female. This does not mean just extending to women the rights and opportunities hitherto enjoyed by men. It involves complete reciprocity and means affording each sex exactly the same chances. So understood, there is something for everybody in the concept of equal opportunity. Traditionally male job fields open up for females. But so do traditionally female job fields open up for males and, most important, cultural and social gender stereotypes are gradually broken down. To do this, the legislation has to perform a balancing act: it must take into account obstacles, standing in the way of each sex.

The law forbidding sex discrimination is contained in a variety of instruments, each seriously defective in its own way. The terms of a contract of employment are regulated by the Equal Pay Act 1970. This is technical and narrowly drafted, but its chief shortcoming is its treatment of claims for equal pay for jobs which, though dissimilar in content, are alleged to be of equal value. This category of claims was grafted on to the existing statute after the UK was found to be in breach of EEC law by the European Court of Justice. The legislative framework is unsuited to this complex type of claim.

Despite recent sporting attempts by the House of Lords to give a purposeful reading to the equal value provisions, there is no real alternative but to re-write this part of the law to tailor it to the difficulties specifically encountered here. In particular, equal value claims must be made possible on a group basis. The present legislation does not even permit judicial alterations to discriminatory collective agreements and makes no attempt to cater for the knock-on effects of an equal value ruling. The enforcement powers of the Equal Opportunities Commission have proved fairly weak.

The Sex Discrimination Act 1975 forbids discrimination in employment outside the precise terms of the contract and also in certain other key situations: education and the provision of goods, facilities, services and housing. But the Act's definition of "discrimination" is inadequate and results in many instances of unintended, but nevertheless actual, discrimination falling outside its scope. Despite recent changes, the Act still contains far too many exceptions and is too timorous in the remedies it prescribes. What excuse can there be for not granting the victim of, say, sexual harassment at work an order compelling her employer to cease the harassment forthwith?

Another shortcoming is the Act's failure to tackle positive action forcefully. This is essential if restrictive gender stereotyping is to be overcome. It is unnecessary and undesirable to go to the lengths of positive discrimination, but courts and tribunals should be enabled to order positive action plans to remedy past discrimination, and a thorough statutory scheme of contract and grant compliance should be devised for central government.

Maternity rights for working women are vital to equality of opportunity. They are provided in a niggardly fashion by yet another series of statutes, which are absurdly complicated.

Superimposed on all this legislation is the EEC law on sex equality. This has often proved in practice to be the salvation of litigants in UK courts, since it prevails over conflicting domestic law. The UK has twice been successfully prosecuted for inadequate implementation of its EEC obligations, and there remains a real risk of its still being in breach. What is clearly needed now, therefore, is a new legislative code on sex equality.

It should, wherever possible, adopt the precise formulation of the EEC provisions to avoid possible future conflict. And it should radically amend the existing restrictive provisions of the maternity legislation and the Equal Pay and Sex Discrimination Acts.

● *Evelyn Ellis, senior lecturer in law at Birmingham University, is author of Sex Discrimination Law (Gower, £30).*

**Law Report February 21 1989** — **Court of Appeal**

## Trial judge's errors in £3m theft plot trial

**Regina v Jaquith**
**Regina v Emode**

*Before Lord Justice May, Mr Justice McNeill and Mr Justice Garland*
[Judgment February 17]

A trial judge had been in error in directing a jury to acquit one defendant on the grounds that the Crown had not disputed the evidence that that defendant been threatened, as such evidence might or might not be sufficient to make out the defence of duress which should have been left to the jury, and in refusing to grant applications for a new trial by the two other co-defendants.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing appeals by George Oakes Jaquith and Rueben Aghe Emode against their convictions at the Central Criminal Court on June 26, 1988 (Judge Holden and a jury) when Jaquith had received three years imprisonment on a count of conspiracy to obtain property and 18 months imprisonment concurrent for handling stolen goods and Emode had received five years imprisonment concurrent on each of two counts of conspiracy to obtain property. The total involved in the alleged conspiracies was about £3 million.

Mr George Carman, QC and Mr Michael Topolski, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for Mr Jaquith; Mr Nigel Lambert and Mr Robert Hunter for Mr Emode; Mr Nigel Mylne, QC and Mr Nicholas Atkinson for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE MAY, giving the judgment of the court, said that it was an unfortunate case and that if it showed anything beyond peradventure it was that to try a complex criminal case was by no means an easy undertaking. Different points of evidence and procedure could arise and it was only those who had the necessary experience and expertise who could be expected to conduct such a trial.

The appeal was by certificate of the trial judge on the grounds:

1 That it was wrong to refuse an application for a new trial made on behalf of both defendants after Mr Paul O'Donovan, counsel for another defendant, Babayemi, had given evidence on that defendant's behalf.

2 That it was wrong to refuse to order new trials in the case of both defendants after a direction to acquit the defendant Babayemi; such a direction being given after the other defendants had closed their respective cases.

All three defendants had been charged with conspiracy to obtain money, the particular method being forged banking slips introduced into the banking system by Babayemi, a settlements clerk at the Union Bank of Nigeria in London.

Babayemi's defence had been one of duress, threats to his life having allegedly come principally from Mr Emode, the second defendant and, to some extent, from, Mr Jaquith, the third defendant. He also claimed to be in fear of Mr Emode's black-magic powers.

The defence of the other two co-defendant's was that Babayemi was lying and that they had taken no part in the obtaining of the money.

The trial had taken several weeks. Babayemi had given evidence but the other defendants had not. Babayemi had given evidence of duress and of Jaquith having visited him in prison after his arrest and offering him a bribe to change his evidence.

It was suggested at the trial that that was a recent recollection on his part. His junior counsel, Mr O'Donovan, was then called on his behalf and gave evidence of being told of that and also of Babayemi's being in fear, to rebut the suggestion that that was a recent invention.

Their Lordships took the view that so far as the evidence rebutted the suggestion of recent invention it had been admissible. So far as it concerned Babayemi's state of mind it had been inadmissible.

However, it was very undesirable for counsel to give evidence in court. In addition to the effect on the jury it caused embarrassment and difficulty to other members of the Bar who had to set about cross-examining a colleague.

After that evidence had been given, counsel for Jaquith had submitted that the jury should be discharged from giving a verdict in respect of the other defendants. That had been rejected by the trial judge.

After all the evidence had been given and just before speeches to the jury Babayemi's counsel had submitted that there was no case for him to answer. Babayemi had given evidence about being under duress and had been the only defendant to give evidence. Babayemi had not been challenged by the Crown with regard to the duress and therefore the Crown had not made out its case.

It seemed to his Lordship that that submission contained a fallacy. It might have been that Babayemi was under threat but that as a matter of law was not sufficient to make out the defence of duress. The matter was still for the jury to decide as one of fact.

The trial judge had accepted the submission and directed the jury to acquit Babayemi and had then rejected a submission for a new trial on behalf of the other co-defendants.

It had been submitted that the trial judge had thereafter gone out of his way to point out that the fact that Babayemi had been acquitted should not be held against the other defendants.

Generally the Court of Appeal took the view that a firm direction by the judge would put right any difficulties in such circumstances. Here, however, one co-accused had pointed a finger at the other two.

The jury had seen that evidence lead to his acquittal and additionally had heard the evidence of his junior counsel. It was not surprising, therefore, that counsel for Jaquith had submitted the need for a new trial.

In their Lordships' view it would be sufficient to say that there were material irregularities by the trial judge both in directing the jury to acquit Babayemi and in not acceding to the submission to order a re-trial.

Counsel for the Crown had taken the view that it would not be proper to rely on the proviso in the circumstances and the appeals would be allowed.

In the course of submissions Mr Carman had referred to the possibility that the court might give some indication of its views concerning evidence given by counsel; and also where a client alleged an attempt to pervert the course of justice by a co-defendant.

Their Lordships considered that the right action would be to list points for consideration by the Bar Council and the Law Society:

1 No advocate should ever give evidence if that could possibly be avoided.

2 Where it was not possible for an advocate to avoid giving evidence, he should take no further part in the case. It necessarily followed that, if he was not being led, the trial must stop and a re-trial be ordered.

3 There was a duty on counsel to anticipate circumstances in which he might be called upon to give evidence. Experienced counsel ought to be able to anticipate whether such a situation might arise. If so he should withdraw from the case.

4 Where it came to the notice of a legal adviser, through an accused person, that one of his co-defendants had attempted to pervert the course of justice, there was a duty on the legal adviser, usually the instructing solicitor, to take a detailed proof at once to provide a record and for further investigation.

5 Where the giving of evidence by an advocate caused real embarrassment or inhibition or difficulty regarding cross-examination by other advocates, the judge should exercise his discretion to withdraw the case from the jury.

Their Lordships did not seek to lay those matters down as ones of principle, there might be others to be added; they merely thought that they deserved consideration.

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## The future of the legal profession

**● Senior judges, lawyers and other professionals will join in a public debate of the Lord Chancellor's plans for sweeping away the legal profession's monopolies at The Times Forum on the Future of the Legal Profession on March 15.**

**● Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent, outlines the issues and introduces the programme. Booking details are given below.**

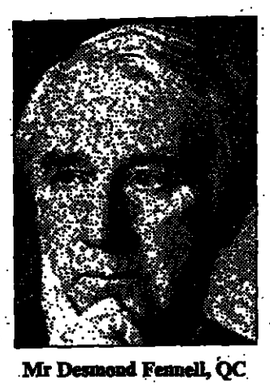
The Government's plans are provoking the fiercest debate within the profession for decades and the forum will enable those involved to put their views to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern. Lord Mackay himself will outline the thinking behind his plans and take questions from an audience of several hundred lawyers and other professionals.

His plans for licensed advocates will be the subject of a main debate, chaired by Sir Robin Day and addressed by the Australian lawyer Malcolm Turnbull, who rose to fame successfully and flamboyantly defending Peter Wright over his *Spycatcher* memoirs. Mr Turnbull is a forthright advocate who believes in a consumer-geared legal profession stripped of restrictive practices. He will find himself in opposition on the panel to Lord Alexander QC, past chairman of the Bar, who defended the Government in the House of Lords in its attempt to stop publication of *Spycatcher* in this country.

The views of the judiciary, many of whom have already spoken out against the proposals, will be put by Lord Ackner, the law lord; and Sir Frederick Lawton, retired Lord Justice of Appeal. The Bar has launched a high-profile campaign of opposition, advised by Saatchi and Saatchi and paid for with a fighting fund which aims to raise £1m.

But Law Society leaders and consumer organizations welcome the proposals to allow all lawyers to appear at any level of court, if qualified to do so under a new system of licensed advocates.


Sir Robin Day


Mr Desmond Fennell, QC


Sir Frederick Lawton


Mr Malcolm Turnbull

### THE TIMES FORUM
### THE FUTURE OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION
The Lyttelton Theatre, at the Royal National Theatre
Wednesday March 15

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| 8.00 am | Registration | |
| 8.45 am | Opening | |
| | Introduction | Mr Charles Wilson, Editor, *The Times* |
| | Chairman, | Sir Robin Day |
| 9.00 am | Opening Address | The Lord Chancellor: The Rt Hon Lord Mackay of Clashfern |
| 9.30 am | Questions | |
| 10.15 am | Coffee | |
| 10.45 am | Session One | "One-Stop Shopping": multi-disciplinary practices; conveyancing by banks and building societies |
| | Chairman: | Sir Gordon Borrie QC, Director-General of Fair Trading |
| | Speakers: | Sir John Wickerson, President Law Society (1986-87); Mr Mark Boleat, Director General, Building Societies Association; Mr Brandon Gough, Senior Partner, Coopers & Lybrand |
| | Questions | |
| 12.10 pm | Session Two: | Contingency Fees |
| | Chairman: | Mr David Tench, Head of Advisory Services, The Consumers' Association |
| | Speakers: | Mr Bill Wagner, President of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Mr David McIntosh, Davies Arnold Cooper |
| | Questions | |
| 1.15 pm | *Lunch: Olivier Buffet* | |
| 2.30 pm | Session Three: | Advocacy |
| | Chairman: | Sir Robin Day |
| | Speakers: | Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, Chairman of the Bar; Lord Alexander of Weedon QC, Chairman, Panel on Takeovers and Mergers; Mr David Ward, Vice President Law Society; Mr Malcolm Turnbull: Whitlam Turnbull & Co, Australia |
| | Questions | |
| 4.15 pm | Summing Up: | The Rt Hon Lord Ackner, Lord of Appeal in Ordinary; Sir Frederick Lawton, Lord Justice of Appeal (1972-1986) |
| 4.45 pm | Chairman closes | |
| 5.00 pm | Close and tea | |

### THE FUTURE OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION
THE TIMES FORUM



**A major forum on the "The future of the legal profession" is being organized by The Times on March 15 at the National Theatre. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern (right), will give the opening address. There will be key sessions on rights of audience; on "one-stop shopping"; multi-disciplinary practices between professionals; conveyancing by banks and building societies; and contingency fees.**

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# THE LAW

# Think link, say the sharing firms

**High street firms are combining with others to share facilities and expertise – and to be ready for the Government reform proposals, Frances Gibb writes**




Well before they even hit the statute book, the Government's proposals for reforming the legal profession are stirring up the way solicitors offer legal services to the public. Three high street law firms – Deacon Goldrein Green of Liverpool, Stephensons of mid-Lancashire and Mark Davies and Co., of Salford – have linked together as the nucleus of a new network of solicitors under the banner, Law North West.

The idea of banding together is to facilitate joint marketing (including advertisements on regional television), recruitment and training. The firms will also link office facilities such as computer systems. They are hoping their new alliance will allow them to take full advantage of the opportunities they believe the proposals will provide, if enacted.

David Deacon, one of the partners, says that, unlike some small firms, the group looks forward to the changes. "We will be able to pitch together for the larger clients; to provide a 'super panel' of solicitors doing conveyancing for building societies, for instance. We will be big enough to offer them the sort of service they want, to avoid their going in-house."

Law North West, which he describes as a "loose association" differs from others in that legal aid accounts for a substantial share – as much as 40 per cent in Deacon's own firm – of the group's work. In other networks the firms are largely commercial, with perhaps a smattering of legal aid. So another likely move for Law North West, if the proposals are accepted, is for in-house advocacy departments.

It now plans rapid recruitment among "like-minded solicitors who have enterpreneurial flair and confidence in the future". Deacon says: "Looking at the map, we intend over the next 18 months to fill it up with enough dots so that we are well-represented throughout the region."

The new network comes hard on the heels of the launch last month of LawGroup UK, a network of a dozen firms from Leeds to Plymouth, with a total of 100 partners and 400 staff.

Chris Manners, marketing manager, says: "The legal profession seems to be developing in the way accountants have done. Big firms are getting bigger and more work is going into their hands and into the major cities. Smaller firms have to fight much harder; they may be up against a firm 10 times their size and with 10 times the budget."

Again, the aim is for joint marketing, training, recruitment and other administrative back-up. "Quality control" – which, says Manners, means ensuring firms have the same standards and back-up systems for such matters as keeping deadlines and reminders – will be a key feature.

The ethos of LawGroup – largest member-firm Lawrence Graham in London – is therefore strength in numbers.

LawGroup's members give 0.75 per cent of their gross fee income towards a holding company, Professional Enterprise Group plc, which runs the joint services and provides head office facilities that member-firms could not provide on their own.

Professional Enterprise Group plc – which has 12 full-time and two part-time staff, with four non-executive directors – already runs a similar network of accountancy firms. Its aim for LawGroup is to have 60 to 80 firms – "one in each sizeable community".

Of established networks, there is Eversheds, much heralded as the first national law firm when it was announced last June. There are five member-firms, throughout the country, but still very much a consortium like the other networks. Peter Bromage, chairman of Eversheds, says: "The firms are working together, creating the building blocks so that eventually we will be a unitary national firm before 1992."

It is not yet decided whether in the end members will become branch offices of the one national firm with all partners "sharing in the one pot"; or retain their identities and merely pool marketing, recruitment, training and other operations.

Eversheds, which also emphasizes "quality control", notes a "dramatic improvement" in the recruitment of articled clerks and in its pulling power on the college "milk round". The next stages will see brochures, common notepaper, training programmes and group buying through a central company, funded by members.

What of the future of such networks?

The M5 group – formed officially two years ago, but operating informally long before – provides the best pointer. It has six members-firms (in Manchester, Leeds, Norwich and Cambridge, Bristol, Birmingham, and Plymouth and Exeter), which each keep their own indentity and financial autonomy, but combine for recruitment, training, publicity and pooling legal expertise.

Like LawGroup, member-firms contribute to M5 Ltd, which is a central company coordinating joint ventures.

The biggest impact, however, has been in recruitment and staff training, geared to giving a better quality of service. M5 has more than 60 partners, 400 lawyers and 1,500 staff, and runs extensive training courses for new and current staff. In March, it will hold its London recruitment reception for the third year running.

Peter Smith, M5 managing director, says: "Firms have had an enormous response of candidates for articled clerkships – last time, nearly 700 applications in the group for 60 or 70 places." Judged by this alone, he says, the joint approach has proved justified.

# Out with the paperwork

**A picture of judges getting to grips with their computer keyboards, of writs issued electronically and of greatly reduced legal costs, is conjured up by a report published this month.**

A study by the Court Procedure Working Party of the Society for Computers and Law has found that substantial savings in court time and costs of litigation would result from the installation of computers in the Official Receivers' courts.

These courts usually deal with complex cases involving the construction industry and related professions. Substantial cases can cost more than £10,000 a day.

The study concludes that though the cost of computerization is high, the potential savings from spending fewer days in court is worth it. The schemes put forward by the working party are based on experience gained in the Central Criminal Courts and also that of the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission judges. Several fraud cases have been successfully prosecuted in the Central Criminal Court using electronic document retrieval techniques (in particular *R. v Relton & Others*). The American experience has also shown that judges are able to operate a largely paperless court successfully, provided the judges have some familiarity with commonly available software packages.

The study suggests that there are differing ways of modernizing a court room, varying from installing a video camera by the witness stand, linked to monitors around the court, to a "combined" system, in which the judge and each lawyer are provided with their own portable hard-disc computers.

Following daily transcripts of the evidence, the study says, can save six days in a 20-day case, simply by avoiding the need for the judge to take a manuscript

**If m'lud would care to examine his computer screen . . .**

note. Shorthand writers who use computer-assisted transcription techniques can not only transcribe more efficiently, but can provide lawyers and the court with the transcript in machine-readable form, so that it can be added daily to everybody's electronic documents.

Behind the scenes, the society suggests there is room for comprehensive computerization, aimed at improving listing performance and services on offer by the court.

Casualties of the proposed performance include the Cause Book, which would no longer exist and the antiquated requirement that summonses and writs should be stamped in the "Stamping" room of the Royal Courts of Justice. The integrated system would contain full court diaries (information presently split among eight different diaries), as well as comprehensive case information.

Court clerks and ORs would be able to monitor the progress of all cases in their lists and the court would be able to produce formal orders within seconds of the order's being pronounced, without the need for the parties to draw up the orders. Internal messages would also be passed via the integrated system.

Facilities for cashless payments of fees would also be a feature of the case management system. Writs and summonses would be validated by numbers issued by the computer system in the Official Referees' Registry. Once the integrated case management system has been installed, it will become possible for the courts computer system to be accessed by solicitors via an external communications network (sometimes referred to as a Value Added Network).

Using such a system solicitors will be able to ascertain the state of the ORs' trial and interlocutory diaries, as well as being able to issue writs and summons electronically.

Each written judgment would be available in machine-readable form. To finance the project, the study suggests borrowing from external sources, repaying the money with a computer levy of £100 a case.

**Sean Overend**

*The author is a barrister. Copies of the ORs' report may be obtained from the Administrative Secretary, 10 Hurle Crescent, Clifton, Bristol BS8 2TA (£25).*

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## South African centre boost

**The little-known work of the Legal Resources Centre of South Africa – which provides free legal services to South Africans who cannot afford the costs of securing justice in the courts – was given a boost recently with a reception to publicize its work at Lincoln's Inn, addressed by two leading QCs, Lord Alexander of Weedon and Sydney Kentridge. Both are on the Legal Assistance Trust, which raises funds for legal services outside the UK (such as that in South Africa) for those who cannot afford to pay. The centre runs some 40 advice offices throughout rural South Africa; last year it handled 50,000 new cases. Among its many successes is that of the Kwandebele "homeland" women who were disenfranchized in 1984. They took the matter to the Supreme Court with the centre's backing, and won their right to vote**

## Entre nous

**In the midst of the current rush to buy holiday homes in France, the National Association of Solicitors' Property Centres recently was invited by the Calais *notaires* to talks on how they might collaborate in future over property. The idea is that the English solicitors might act as agents, circulating lists of properties and directing clients towards their French counterparts. There is just one obstacle: the present rules prevent notaires sharing their fees with foreign lawyers. A change in the rules looks imminent, however, so further meetings are being planned.**

**● *D. J. Freeman and Co is the latest firm to go in for academic sponsorship. It is funding a senior research fellowship in international trade law with the Centre for Commercial Law Studies at Queen Mary College, London, at a cost of about £125,000 over five years.***

## Cooling warning

**The West End firm, Nabarro Nathanson, has turned its geographical position in the middle of recent outbreaks of Legionnaire's disease to its advantage and issued advice to building owners on the liability they have for illnesss and injury. This might extend to weekly inspection of cold-water storage tanks and cooling tower ponds, the firm says.**

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# The activity way to educate graduates

**Outdoor training is playing an increasingly important part in modern management courses. Clare Hogg finds out why**

Derek Webb, who ran GEC's graduate training exercises for several years, set up Breakthrough, a new centre for outdoor training, in November. Today he says: "Outdoor training is a strong inducement for graduates, and will soon be used by all companies with vision wishing to attract and retain them."

Shortage of graduates, he explains, has put them in a sellers' market, and employers, exhausting the possibilities of competing on pay, are offering other incentives, including increasingly sophisticated and effective training programmes.

Why is outdoor training proving so popular? First, it is important to distinguish between "adventure education", which emphasizes the physical aspects to enhance personal growth, and "development training", which uses constant analysis of experiences for specific purposes.

The latter type is normally used by employers for new graduate recruits. Physical fitness is not so important, but the less vigorous girls, in particular, should check with previous participants that the courses are carefully run, and that they will not be constantly panting behind their group or relegated to making the sandwiches.

A prime reason for the increasing use of outdoor training for graduates is that very soon it powerfully fills some of the gaps in skill and experience to enable raw graduates to do an effective job in industry. Academic disciplines emphasize and require individual attainment. Industry, on the other hand, needs people who can work in teams, who have well developed skills in presentation or communication skills or both, and who, above all, are strong leaders.

Webb says he has seen some real "road to Damascus" conversions in graduates, especially those from insular and sheltered backgrounds. The reason for such dramatic changes, he explains, is that these courses are "very stark". He says: "You can't pose, and you can't cop out."

Trust, an important part of being able to work in a team, can be learnt well through outdoor training, as Diane Lawrie, a brewing and microbiology graduate on a Bass course run by Dryll Management Development, discovered when she scaled a rock face, secured only by a rope held by fellow students at the top.



Problem time: members of the Mitchells & Butlers management team tackle obstacles at the Dryll centre

She reflects: "At work, if you don't trust superiors or colleagues, you'll never get anywhere."

On her course the instructor emphasized: "You're not here to be mountaineers." He then explained the importance of being able to break down a task into achievable chunks — outdoor training is also commonly used to teach problem-solving techniques.

Chico Cox is an independent consultant running the graduate outdoor training module for Shell's exploration division. Information coming back from the operating companies revealed that new recruits needed to be much more practical and useful. She explains bluntly that the courses are aimed "to help them not to get their fingers burnt as they were doing". Most of their graduates are highly technical, but Webb commented: "Fundamental interpersonal skills were missing."

Cox and Rory Stewart, a Shell learning consultant, developed a course emphasizing the integration of the technical with the non-technical. A great deal of effort went into finding examples related to the graduates' backgrounds, as well as to their future careers, while corporate culture excluded macho hero-type exercises from the course.

Cox says: "Participants want to see the relevance of what they're doing immediately. This makes them more open to learning. They couldn't see the relevance of potholing, for example, to what they were doing in Shell".

> "If you can't trust superiors or colleagues at work you'll never get anywhere"

As a first exercise on the Shell course, graduates are sent on an "incredible journey" from the training centre in The Netherlands. The trip involves using considerable initiative, but careless, risky manoeuvres are frowned on. Safety is a big issue in Shell. The Piper Alpha disaster is one tragic example of why this is so.

The next exercise consists of a business game in which every group operates as a company, buying the right to a contract, carrying out a project, invoicing for the work . . . and getting paid. The third exercise applies the graduate's own subject to a forthcoming job. Courses consist predominantly of British and Dutch graduates, but also include participants who are Norwegian, Turkish, Canadian, Irish and of many other nationalities, so an additional benefit is learning to work with people of different attitudes.

As a result of this introductory module, which has proved so successful that it has also been adopted by Shell's production division, the rest of the training of three to four months has had to be substantially modified. Lecturers found trainees were asking "awkward" questions. They switched from traditional classroom techniques to project work, involving a good deal of active participation.

Where did the graduates find the courage to ask these awkward questions? Cox emphasizes another benefit of outdoor training. She says most graduates are not used to taking initiatives or standing up for themselves. Outdoor training may sound intimidating but good organizers try to ensure that everyone leaves on a "high" of well founded confidence.

Mark Rigby, another participant on the Bass training course, and a biology and chemistry graduate destined for sales management, puts it even more graphically: "When I first stood at the bottom of that cliff and looked up, I thought, 'No way am I going up there . . . no way.' It's only when you get to the top that you think, 'God! I did that!' "

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# A city bounding back

**Once, Bradford was all mills – belching chimneys and grimy brickwork. At the moment it is perhaps best known for the controversial policies of its Conservative politicians – and for the 'death threat' remarks by some local Muslims opposed to Salman Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses*.**

**But the city deserves wider attention. Millions of pounds are being invested in the redevelopment of run-down areas; new shopping centres are planned; Bradford is exploiting its Victorian heritage to attract tourists; new jobs are being created. And even the textile industry has become hi-tech**


JOAN RUSSELL

Looking ahead: a broad range of businesses will share in Bradford's prosperity as new shopping centres open

The past is one of the wool textile industry's biggest problems. "Too many people see us as a museum piece rather than as a living industry," says Helen Maskell, public relations manager of the Bradford-based Confederation of British Wool Textiles.

"But as Britain's fifth largest exporting industry, we are very important to the economy. We expect the 1988 export figures to beat the 1985 record of £607 million."

These sentiments are echoed by Alistair Henderson, outgoing president of the confederation. "Bradford council is looking for the entrepreneurial new as their way forward and not looking at the established industries. Nevertheless, we are still Bradford's largest manufacturing employer and we still offer a good career for local school-leavers. We're not as glamorous as merchant banking, but we are a modern industry."

Until 1939 Bradford was the centre of the world wool market. "If the price of wool went up on the Bradford Wool Exchange, then it went up all over the world," Henderson says.

"Since then it's all changed. The centre of the volume wool market has gone out to an axis between South Korea, the Philippines, Hong Kong and Taiwan. That's where the volume is now."

The city's name is, however, still synonymous with quality in the wool industry.

"You will find 95 per cent of the British wool industry operating within 20 miles of Bradford," says Henderson.

"Large groups are important but there are still an enormous number of very strong family firms engaged in niche marketing. There are 320 member-firms in the confederation. In Yorkshire, although there are pressures, wool and wool-rich products are strong; it is the synthetics that are weaker."

The "pressures" are foreign exchange rates, tariffs on imported British products and heavy government subsidies.

"There's a great flood of Mexican this and South Korean that – all subsidized – and it is damaging British industry. Unless the Government takes action we will be left with a very ill-assorted and unbalanced national textile industry," says Henderson.

The modern wool textile industry is often described as "leaner and fitter" following the rationalization and increasing specialization of recent years. In 1962, the industry had 160,000 workers; today it has between 30,000 and 40,000. Industry experts are quick to point out that probably half of this contraction has been caused by modernization.

"All companies are becoming hi-tech specialists. We are now much less labour intensive but fairly highly capitalized," says Henderson. He sees the future as an era of increased – and profitable – specialization.

● *Information about the wool textile industry may be obtained from the Confederation of British Wool Textiles, 60 Toller Lane, Bradford West, Yorkshire BD8 9BZ.*

# Having the last laugh

Six million tourists visited the Bradford district last year. This statistic echoes a constant theme of the city's marketing team: Bradford is a surprising place.

"Ten years ago we had the Yorkshire Ripper murders, the decline of the woollen industry and a negative view of the ethnic population," says Mike Cowlam, senior promotions officer in the Bradford Enterprise Service. "The whole image was of a city that had become a bad workingmen's club joke."

The truth, then as now, was that Bradford was actually a pleasant place to live. The development of tourism was an attempt to change a poor image, but it was also a tool for economic regeneration.

"We played up the national joke of Bradford as a holiday destination," says Cowlam. "The very idea was unthinkable. No other industrial cities were trying to woo tourists. In the event, we did very well. The novelty of it caught people's attention."

The early ventures were linked to two themes: the Brontës, at Haworth, and the industrial heritage. While it is difficult to record the number of people who took in Bradford's productive past, the increasing number of visitors to the Brontë Parsonage – from 176,963 in 1986 to 212,545 last year – underlines the success of the tourism campaign.

Bradford's tourism is clearly a part of the day-trip and weekend-away market. "The greenhouse effect will give Bradford a very pleasant climate by the year 2030, but it's not yet a place for lying in the sun," admits Cowlam.

Fifty tour operators and 200 coach operators bring visitors to the city. Its cost-effective marketing strategy is to concentrate its annual £125,000 promotional budget on the tourist trade rather than on selling direct to the public.

"Bradford is seen as a leading local authority tourism marketing expert," says Cowlam. "Other local authorities regularly ask for advice."

The tourist industry is, however, fickle. "Operators get bored very quickly and we try to offer them a new idea each year. We launched the Sooty museum, featuring the television puppet, last year – that went down very well. Before that we had Flavours of Asia, which won us a top tourist award."

Bradford has been promoting itself as a cultural centre. "In 1983, we got the National Museum of Photography, which was very important for Bradford. It was unique.

"People now think differently about us. With things like the Northern Ballet, West End shows coming to the Alhambra Theatre, Treadwell's Art Mill, the decision of the Victoria & Albert Museum to bring its southern Asian collection here, we have changed our image.

"There is tremendous growth potential in tourism; it's growing 30 per cent a year nationally.

"In the early days we set out to change the image of Bradford by using tourism; now tourism has become a major industry."

# Experts are on tap

The fortunes of the city and the university of Bradford are closely linked. "What's good for Bradford is good for us – and we bring prestige to the city," says Ann Gregory, a university spokeswoman.

Preparations for 1992 are keeping the university busy. "We have a European briefing centre, information centre and documentation centre," says Gregory.

"These things are done very much with the city council and the chamber of commerce. Our Department of European Studies has taken a lot of initiatives for 1992. It's putting on a series of conferences for different industries in the area. The Transport Studies Unit, launched earlier this month by John Prescott, will be looking at the effect of the Channel Tunnel on the area – which is going to be substantial."

All these activities take place in the Management Centre at Heaton Mount, which provides courses at all levels of university education relating to business studies.

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The centre uses local firms and information from local businesses in its research work. It is currently working for the Bradford and Bingley Building Society, studying the pattern of mortgage lending.

Heaton Mount is seen as a European centre of excellence for research into total quality management (TQM). "We have been voted as being among the top 10 business schools in the world," Gregory says.

"We encourage all local firms to come to us and tap into our expertise, including the experience we've got in obtaining European funding and contracts."

# Birth of a Tory crusade

Bradford's city fathers found themselves, for a week or two at least, more celebrated than national politicians late last year.

Following a by-election, Bradford council was split: 45 Conservatives faced 43 Labour and two SLD members. Then the Tory lord mayor, Smith Midgley, broke with tradition by using his vote to push through a controversial £5.8 million package of cuts – with more to follow.

The package, masterminded by Eric Pickles, the council's Tory leader, included the privatization of some services and the sale or closure of others, the loss of up to 9,000 public sector jobs, and increased charges for, among other things, school meals.

Pickles, a 36-year-old "freelance legal consultant", was roundly condemned, not least by church leaders, for widening the gap between rich and poor and was asked to explain himself on television by Joan Bakewell.

He took comfort from the failure of a much-publicized attempt to get the courts to overturn the lord mayor's casting vote and showed himself to be a Thatcherite Yorkshireman determined to save "brass".

Bradford, birthplace of the Independent Labour Party, had become the starting point for a Tory crusade against municipal socialism.

The city is now quiet. Local government officials get on with their jobs, carefully pointing out that many of the initiatives for economic regeneration currently under way started life under a Labour administration. Local businessmen claim to be unconcerned by the complexion of the council; all that matters is that it is "decisive".

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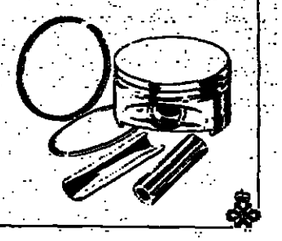


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Moving art: Nicholas Treadwell with Julie Watson, performance artist, in his new museum of contemporary art

# Art heart beats again

## Little Germany, the old merchant quarter, is being rejuvenated

A century ago Bradford was known as "Worstedopolis" – the wool capital of the world. The signs of the prosperity of 19th-century mill-owners and merchants – their buildings – are now protected because of their architectural and historical significance. One part of the city's rich wool legacy is Little Germany, Bradford's merchant quarter. Most of the buildings were constructed between 1860 and 1874, and the area acquired its name, it is said, because German merchants formed a tightly-knit business community there and imposed their own style of North European warehouse architecture. Fifty-two of the area's 88 buildings are now listed.

Little Germany escaped redevelopment in the 1960s, but the decline of the wool trade and the demands of modern commerce left many of the buildings without a function. A 1987 survey showed that the area's buildings contained more than 1.25 million sq ft of floor space, and although almost three-quarters were in use, many were only partly occupied.

"In 1986 nothing happened in Little Germany, but now it's really alive," says Dave West, the council's project officer for the area. "Although there is a lot of property vacant, I defy you to find more than two buildings which are available for purchase. The buildings have been snapped up by developers on a speculative basis over the past six months."

A 110-bedroom three star hotel is planned, but the area also needs residential development. "You can count on the fingers of two hands the number of people who live there," West says. Cafés and good restaurants are also needed, but the redevelopment of the area has proved so successful that, according to West, the council is considering ways of extending the boundaries. Little Germany now contains a brass foundry, clothing manufacturers, banks, offices, the Pennine radio station, Bradford Playhouse, the community arts centre, the council's engineering department, a mosque, a student hostel, wine bars, the remnants of some textile mills and Treadwell's Art Mill.

Nicholas Treadwell opened his first art gallery in Croydon in the mid-1960s and after 10 years of international art dealing in Kent, he decided to open a gallery in Bradford.

"I moved to Womenswold, near Canterbury, in 1977 to be closer to Europe. I explored using tourism as a way of subsidizing our gallery business, but, annoyingly, after a while you couldn't get a bus on Sundays and they changed the traffic system," he says.

"Then we had a few very bad winters. I am an all-year-round business, but with three feet of snow in my drive, there were quite a few times when people couldn't get in and I couldn't get out. I've thought about that in Yorkshire – and that's why I'm in the middle of Bradford."

Treadwell's Art Mill will open in July. The building will also house a theatre, a cinema, a bar and vegetarian café, an art shop, sculpture courts, studios, a commercial gallery, exhibition areas – and Treadwell's museum of modern art. "The establishment art world has ignored what I specialize in," he says. The centrepiece of his collection will be a life-sized sculpture, by a Czech artist, of a man screaming in a cage.

"The Art Mill building is in the right place. We've got 10 million people within an hour's drive of here and we've got a developing airport. I've got people coming from all over Europe and America for the opening. Eventually, we're going to get regular weekend cultural visitors to Bradford. The end-result is that we could change the axis of the modern art world."


Royal seal of approval: the Prince of Wales and Lord Mayor Smith Midgeley at the opening of the new centre

# Advice and assent

Seven thousand "customers" a year are expected through the doors of the new Bradford Enterprise Centre, which was officially opened by the Prince of Wales last week. The centre will house staff from the council's new Bradford Enterprise Services (BES), formerly known as the Economic Development Unit (EDU), and will help to promote small and medium-size businesses.

Mohan De Silva, the city's senior enterprise development officer, is responsible for the centre. "The EDU took on small business development as it came, but in recent years such activity has increased tremendously," he says.

"There has been a proliferation of advice centres and services, and clients have been in danger of getting confused. Enquirers will be able to get most of the information they need right here."

The £130,000 refurbishment of what had previously been a shop, was funded jointly by the government and the city.

"More and more people are now looking at self-employment," De Silva says. "We expect to speak to about 7,000 people a year. At least a third of them will have a good chance of success with their enterprise."

The centre will have a permanent staff of seven and a solicitor will be available one day a week to give advice. "We will use our shop windows to display the products of our clients," De Silva says. "We have exhibition facilities, a computerized information service, a board room and 'business booths' offering a computer, telephone and desk so that people can have some space for themselves to refine their ideas. We'll be charging for the use of these facilities but not for our advice services."

The new premises will also house the West Yorkshire regional offices and training facilities of the Prince's Youth Business Trust (PYBT), which helps young would-be entrepreneurs. "The PYBT was inconveniently situated at Dean Clough, in Halifax," says Bill Lowe, the local training manager, who, with his wife, Diana, a counsellor, now runs the trust's Bradford operation. "We'll offer a basic business training of about seven weeks and will also be providing continuous business advice when their enterprises get under way."


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ATHLETICS

# Grant demonstrates his ability to rise above the occasion

From Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent

If there were more like Dalton Grant, British athletics would enjoy even greater success. Grant does not have the air of a giant-killer, wandering around, as he does most of the time, with a faint bemused smile on his face. But he has certainly got the big boys worried. Grant, at 6ft 1in, is virtually a midget in international high jump terms, as the juxtaposition with Dietmar Mögenburg, who just beat him for the European title on Sunday, amply demonstrated.

Mögenburg, the 1984 Olympic champion, is 6ft 8in, and even he is not the tallest of the race of giants that Grant is assailing. But, far from getting him down, Grant sees his lack of height as an incentive to go for extra height, over the bar.

Grant is that rare athlete, who rises to the occasion, literally so in his event. On Sunday, he was only the fifth-ranked jumper on paper, but he has been tearing up presumptions since he started his international career three years ago, at these same championships in Liévin.

With a best of 2.24 metres, he went into that competition at 2.20 metres, just over an inch below. Most debutants would have ensured a place with a lower height, but Grant had already recognized that he responded well to pressure like that. He did 2.27 metres.

He was not ranked in the world's top 20 at the Olympic Games, but he improved again, to 2.31 metres, and finished seventh. It was similar on Sunday. "I was going to come second to Mögenburg, or beat him. That's the closest I've been," he said. Grant, aged 22, set another British record, 2.33 metres, and thought he had won.

Indeed, if the alternative system of countback, on failures, had been in use, Grant would have taken the title, and British athletes would have come back from The Hague with five gold medals. Both men had cleared 2.33 metres at their third attempts, then failed at 2.35 metres. But Grant had cleared 2.30 metres at his first attempt, while Mögenburg needed two.

But it was overall failures being counted, and Mögenburg had one jump fewer at 2.24 metres, and the West German's experience told in the jump-off. But he relieved compliment to Grant: "You don't give up, do you?"

Grant will soon have another opportunity to topple Mögenburg, for he was named among the 17 British athletes for the world indoor championships in Budapest on March 3 to 5.

All nine medal winners from The Hague are available, and Linford Christie was reasonably confident yesterday that his foot injury would recover to permit him to contest the 60 metres.

With only two entries, compared to three for the European event, Ikem Billy replaces David Sharpe in the 800 metres, and Tom Hanlon comes in at 3,000 metres following his good run in Stuttgart 10 days ago.

After Glasgow next year, the European event will become bi-annual with the world championships, thus avoiding the clash, which diminished the standard in The Hague.

But the British team was bettered only by the Soviets, for whom, even without Sergei Bubka and Radion Gataullin, the only men to clear six metres indoors, Grigoriy Yegorov and Igor Potapovich took first and second in the pole vault.

Many people were surprised to see Bubka training in the Houtrust on Sunday morning. But he was preparing for the independent meeting in The Hague tomorrow evening, when he can expect a sizeable fee. Is there no limit to *perestroika*?

## British team

**MEN: 60 metres:** L Christie (Thames Valley). M Rosswess (Birchfield). **200 metres:** J Regis (Belgrave), A Mafe (London Irish). **400 metres:** B Whittle (Haringey), T Bennett (Team Solent). **800 metres:** S Heard (Wolverhampton and Bilston), I Billy (Wirral). **3,000 metres:** T Hanlon (Edinburgh Southern). **60 metres hurdles:** C Jackson (Cardiff). **High jump:** D Grant (Haringey). **Triple jump:** J Herbert (Haringey).
**WOMEN: 60 metres:** P Dunn (Stretford). **200 metres:** J Stoute (Essex Ladies). **400 metres:** S Gunnell (Essex Ladies), A Piggford (Gateshead). **1,500 metres:** K Hutcheson (Berry Hill Mansfield). **3,000 metres:** N Morris (Essex Ladies).

ROWING: AS THE BOAT RACE LOOMS, THE GREAT INDOORS BECKONS

VICTORIA GEWIRZ



A fish out of water: Redgrave pits his racing brain against the brawn of the heavies on the ergometer in Boston, and loses

# Heath Robinson at the helm

From James Bone
Boston

British oarsmen, including Steve Redgrave, the Olympic gold medal winner, filled three of the six places on Sunday in the final of the world indoor championship — "a kind of wacko event", Kurt Somerville, the organizer, admitted.

The competitors row the equivalent of 2,500-metre "pieces" on a Concept II rowing machine or ergometer. They sit on the Heath Robinson-style contraption, going back and forth on a sliding seat, tugging a handle that pulls a chain that spins a flywheel that registers the artificial distance travelled on a small computer screen.

"It's similar to rowing but it's different," Redgrave, a former world champion who took gold in the coxless pairs and bronze in the coxed pairs in the Seoul Olympics, said. "I think it's going to catch on. Anyone can get involved. That is the great thing."

The sport began as an attempt by two brothers, Peter and Richard Dreissigacker, to stay in shape for their increasingly rare excursions on to the water. In 1981 the two assembled a rowing machine from bicycle parts. The contraption was soon adopted by another group of ageing rowers, the Charles River All-Star Has Beens, a band of former United States national squad oarsmen, who wanted a diversion from the tedium of winter training when Boston's Charles River was frozen.

In 1982 CRASH-B, as they became known, held the first indoor rowing regatta. The event has gathered momentum to the point where the competition on Sunday in a gymnasium at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology drew 850 contestants, ranging in age from 16 to 75 and including four Britons, two West Germans and two Bulgarians.

The Dreissigacker brothers introduced an improved ergometer, the Concept II, in 1986 and more than 30,000 are in use around the world, not just in rowing clubs but in fitness centres and the bedrooms of keep-fit fanatics. In Britain the £600 machine is used in prisons and submarines and by the SAS.

Sponsored by Concept II, Oxford University plans to hold the first official British indoor championship next January. "Although it's a fun event, like all competitions it gets serious at the top end," Stephen Royle, director of rowing at Oxford University, said.

An ergometer demands few of the skills of rowing except brute force and rudimentary technique. Because the machine is stationary, so that oarsmen do not have to carry their weight, the event is slanted towards the heavier competitors.

The world men's final on Sunday developed into just such a trial of brain against brawn as Redgrave took on Matthias Siejkowski, a giant West German, in a contest reminiscent of Sylvester Stallone's heroic fight against a Russian Frankenstein's monster in the film *Rocky IV*.

Siejkowski, aged 21 and more than 6ft 9in tall, rows in his country's national squad but his strength lies on the ergometer, not on the water. Redgrave, on the other hand, has a long record as a wily racer and superb natural athlete. Brawn won.

The West German shattered the world record for 2,500 metres on an ergometer, held by Pertti Karpinnen, a Finn, with a time of 7min 15.5sec. Redgrave, still to reach full fitness after the Olympics, pulled up with 220 metres to go, forsaking his second place. He resumed to finish fifth.

Two other Britons, Gavin Stewart, a double-winning Oxford Blue in the national squad, and Chris Heathcote, an Isis oarsman, came second and third after an American, Tom Bohrer.

With the Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race looming on dry land, Heathcote's comment best summed up what most oarsmen felt about the world indoor championship: "Give me 18 minutes on the Thames rather than seven minutes on this any time."

# Cambridge test boats and crews

By Jim Railton

With just six days before Oxford and Cambridge announce their crews for the Boat Race on March 25 for the Beefeater Trophy, Cambridge are still experimenting and Oxford appear to have consolidated. The announcement of the crews, in effect, is a holding exercise.

Oxbridge crews do not become Blues till they pass the end of the Fulham Wall in the race. In the interim period before the Boat Race, crew members can be dropped and most often the order of rowing changed.

Matt Brittin, the Cambridge president, said: "We are at present a 10-man squad with two women coxswains in contention." The borderline oarsmen are the giant freshman, Toby Backhouse, who has injured his back, and Rick Staite.

The coxswains are Sarah Lawman and Leigh Weiss, from the United States. With the Olympic coxswain, Alison Norrish, favoured to steer Oxford, Boat Race history will be made with opposing women coxswains

It was rumoured that Cambridge would enter for this Saturday's Reading Head and meet Oxford in a timed, processional race which would be most unusual before the Boat Race. But no entry had been received by the closing date.

Cambridge are also experimenting with their boats. A British shell has been rejected; a West German is in the balance. Cambridge experiment this week with an Australian wooden boat.

Latest order of rowing:

OXFORD: G B Blanchard (King's College School, Wimbledon and Oriel) bow; *P Gleeson (St Martin's, Brentwood and Hertford); R G C Cheveley (Tonbridge and Pembroke); *M Gaffney (US Naval Academy and Hertford); T Dillon (University of London and Oriel); C MacLennan (Camp Hill, Birmingham and Keble); *J W C Searle (Hampton and Christ Church); R J Tharp (Shrewsbury and St John's); A R M Norrish (Kingston College and University), cox.

CAMBRIDGE: *I R Clarke (Stourport HS and Fitzwilliam) bow; *M J K Smith (Shrewsbury and Magdalene); E C Clark (Shrewsbury and First and Third); *M J Brittin (Hampton and Robinson); P M Mant (Cheltenham and Selwyn); N Jardine (The Westminster Schools, Atlanta, and Sidney Sussex); *J R Gammon (Shrewsbury and LMBC); *G R Pooley (Berkhamsted, Imperial College and LMBC); L Weiss (Harvard University and Emmanuel), cox.

*A Blue

BASKETBALL

# Bracknell ready to sign Byrd as coach

By Nicholas Harling

The English Basket Ball Association's determination to avoid embarrassment in front of the television cameras has persuaded the sport's governing body to set an awkward precedent. By allowing Bracknell Tigers, the NatWest Trophy finalists and Coca-Cola Cup semi-finalists, special dispensation to appoint a coach long after the January deadline for registrations, the EBBA has set itself up for criticism from less successful clubs deprived of similar privileges. If the Association wavers, future deadlines will count for nothing.

"The last thing the EBBA felt it needed was to be embarrassment by television cameras zooming in on a team without a coach in a cup final. Bracknell, whose plight was caused by the acrimonious departure of Mark Dunning after the deadline, will appoint a successor this week.

The successful candidate is certain to find himself thrust straight into one cup final, the climax to the NatWest event against MIM Livingston at Aston Villa on Saturday, and into two if, as seems probable, the Berkshire club reaches the Coca-Cola finale on March 18.

Bracknell were not yesterday revealing the three names on their shortlist, but one is almost certainly Alton Byrd, whose sojourn away from the upper reaches of the game will be ended if he gets the call.

Byrd, aged 31, was asked to apply, and then invited to the second leg of the NatWest trophy semi-final against Leicester City Riders on Sunday. Bracknell won on aggregate, 167-149.

He was one of the domestic game's brightest celebrities during his nine years of activity with Crystal Palace, Livingston and Manchester United, and has also received two offers to continue playing now that he is available on a free transfer and fit again after tearing an Achilles tendon. But he may well yield to the temptation of coaching Bracknell after watching them overwhelm Leicester. "I don't think I would change anything," he said.

"They've got a good make-up, good size, good everything. And it's somewhat obvious that the team is young enough to keep together and strong enough to compete in Europe in two or three years' time. I don't think I'll have any trouble if they ask me to coach them."

Bracknell's passage to the Coca-Cola final is now regarded as a formality since their semi-final opponents are Olympic City Giants, whose failure by 112-82 in Saturday's league game between the clubs hardly augured well for their chances.

Two of Byrd's old clubs, United — or Eagles, as they are now known — and Palace, met on Saturday, Manchester's 93-62 victory providing ample revenge for the embarrassing upset they received last November. Another surprise, though of slightly lesser proportions, was provided on Saturday by Derby, whose first win of the season, by 77-73, was at Solent's expense. Lascelles hit six three-pointers among his 25 points for Derby.

GOLF

# Optimism over Walker Cup

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Melbourne

Russell Claydon, runner-up to Greg Norman in the Australian Masters here on Sunday, will have another opportunity later this year to try to create golfing history.

Claydon's elevation to Walker Cup status now needs little more than a selectorial rubber stamp. He had already earned the approval of the selection committee last year by winning the English Championship, the English Champion of Champions title, the Berkshire Trophy and the Lagonda Trophy, in addition to representing England in the Home Internationals.

If Great Britain and Ireland do win at Peachtree, Atlanta, on August 16 and 17, then the United States will be unable to claim possession of the Curtis, Ryder or Walker cups, the first time this has happened.

Peter McEvoy, recognized as one of the leading amateur golfers in the world, said yesterday: "We have six or seven very good players right now, with Russell and Eoghan O'Connell two exceptional talents, and I honestly believe we can win the Walker Cup this year.

"Peachtree is an old-fashioned course, in The Berkshire mould, and so the match will be played in fairly familiar surroundings as far as Great Britain and Ireland's players are concerned.

"I also believe that for the moment the American youngsters may have mislaid that pioneering spirit. It is reflected, perhaps, by the manner in which America is being exposed by the rest of the world in the fields of golf and tennis. The Americans became great because of the hunger of the people, but the college kids now have their Porsche cars when they are teenagers so there is a kind of 'what's the point?' attitude."

McEvoy, however, stressed that now is not the time to be complacent. He must, of course, wait for Geoff Marks, the captain, and the selection committee to announce the Great Britain and Ireland team but it would be ridiculous if both he and Garth McGimpsey were overlooked, as they were in 1987.

McEvoy spoke highly of Claydon, aged 23, even before the Cambridgeshire man produced his magnificent performance on the Huntingdale course.

"You have to put Russell in the category of Sandy Lyle and Nick Faldo," McEvoy said. "He is that kind of player. His sheer raw talent perks everyone up. He's come to the top quite quickly but he possesses that marvellous ability to hit a long iron with the same effort that others hit half-wedges."

Claydon will remain in Australia to practise for two weeks, returning to compete in the Sunningdale Foursomes from March 20 to 23 before beginning the amateur season in the Berkhamsted Trophy on April 1.

CRICKET

# Run surge opens way for positive result

Napier (Reuter) — A brisk stand of 57 by the Pakistani openers, Mudassar Nazar and Rizwan-uz-Zaman, late on the second day, kept alive the chance of a result here after dour batting by a Shell XI yesterday.

Mudassar, 32 not out, and Rizwan, 23 not out, scored at a run a minute to take the Pakistanis to 57 without loss in their second innings at the close, 143 ahead after the Shell side declared their first innings at 196 for five, 86 behind. The match ends today.

The Shell innings was painstakingly slow, relieved only by an unfinished sixth-wicket stand of 80 between Blain, 79 not out, and the captain, Kuggelein, 32 not out. They scored slowly at first, but a series of bondaries boosted their rate to a run a minute before the declaration.

Blain batted for 189 minutes and faced 157 balls, hitting 12 fours. The openers, Dobbs, 22, and White, 29, gave the Shell XI a useful base with a stand of 53., but their effort was undone when four wickets fell in 31 balls, leaving them on 61 for four.

PAKISTANIS: First innings 282 for nine dec (Imran Khan 104, Asmer Malik 81, Shoaib Mohammad 58; G Robertson five for 44)

Second innings

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|---|---|
| Mudassar Nazar not out | 32 |
| Rizwan-uz-Zaman not out | 23 |
| Extras (nb-2) | 2 |
| Total (no wkt) | 57 |

BOWLING: Beyeler 5-1-27-0; Robertson 5-0-25-0 (nb-1); Brown 3-1-5-0 (nb-1); Priest 1-1-0-0.

SHELL XI: First innings

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|---|---|
| P Dobbs c Yousuf b Aaqib | 22 |
| D White b Mudassar | 28 |
| G Larsen lbw b Qadir | 28 |
| R Latham c Yousuf b Aaqib | 0 |
| B Young lbw b Mudassar | 1 |
| †T Blain not out | 79 |
| *C Kuggeleen not out | 32 |
| Extras (b 3, nb 4) | 7 |
| Total (5 wkts dec) | 196 |

S Brown, G Robertson, M Priest and F Beyeler did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-55, 3-60, 4-61, 5-116.

BOWLING: Imran 17-7-49-0; Jaffer 13-3-39-0, Aaqib 13-4-21-2 (nb 3); Mudassar 14-3-55-2 (no 1); Qadir 17-8-29-1.

● Mark Greatbatch and the left-arm spinner, Stephen Boock, have been named in a 15-strong New Zealand party for the third Test match against Pakistan which begins in Auckland on Friday. The party, which includes the team that drew the second Test in Wellington last week, will be trimmed to 12 after practice.

HOCKEY

# Oxford aim to end poor run

By Sydney Friskin

Oxford University will take the field at Lord's today attempting to break the hold that Cambridge have had during the last decade on the traditional annual match, now in its 21st year at this venue.

Oxford won 6-1 in 1979, but apart from two drawn matches in 1981 and 1987, Cambridge have emerged victorious. Richard Slimmon, the Oxford captain, whose brother, Guy, led Cambridge to a 2-0 victory last year, hopes that an Oxford win will enable the family to keep the Heath Bowl, a trophy which his opposite number, Eric Castenskiold, is equally determined to retain.

Both captains yesterday reported no injury problems. Oxford propose to continue with their five forward attack and Cambridge will persevere with three lines of three and a sweeper, a system which they feel stabilizes their defence.

The example set by the captains should have a marked influence on the game. Slimmon, who alternates with Barry in the striking of short corners, is a tower of strength in defence, and Castenskiold, at centre half, effectively stirs the three Cambridge front runners, Ogle, Jones and Priestly, into high-powered activity.

By Saturday, Oxford had completed their preparation with a 1-0 victory in the London League over Weybridge Hawks, Bambury having scored in the second half from a penalty stroke. Cambridge did not have a match on that day. Oxford's hopes, however, rest largely on the speed and thrust of their inside right, Mee.

In the lead-up to today's game, Oxford achieved better results against the armed forces, having beaten the Royal Air Force, the Royal Navy and the Army, whereas Cambridge, who beat the Army 2-1, were held goalless by both the Navy and the RAF.

Experience has proved, however, that results such as these often bear no relation to the outcome of the match.

The international insurance broker, C. E. Heath, has again supported a match which has provided a vital link with international prestige. In 1984 David Wescott, the Oxford captain, led Great Britain to their bronze medal at Los Angeles and more recently Richard Dodds, a former Cambridge captain, was the leader of Great Britain's victorious Olympic team in Seoul.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: J A Nicholls (Charterhouse and Worcester); *P Barry (Howard, Glangham and St Catherine's), *R Simpson (KCS Wimbledon and Oriel, capt), *J Ingham (King Edward VI, Birmingham and Merton), *G Peters (St George's, Weybridge and Christ Church), R Hall (St Edward's, Oxford and Brasenose), *A Ghauri (Kingston GS and Worcester), S Mee (Marchant Taylors', Northwood and Brasenose), A Shaffe (Caterham and Lincoln), G Bambury (PGS High Wycombe and Exeter), A Grimes (Warwick and Jesus).

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: T Castledine (King Henry VIII, Coventry and Queens'); R Atherton (Merchant Taylors', Crosby and Downing), D Grady (King Edward's, Five Ways and Fitzwilliam), P Simonds (Cheltenham and Hughes Hall, K Ebanezer (Whitgift and Jesus), P Sorsseser (Kingston GS and Wolfson), *E Castenskiold (Bedford and Magdalene, capt), *B McKee (Bangor GS and Robinson), S Ogle (Manchester GS and Clare), J Jones (Dulwich and St John's), W Priestly (Tonbridge and Trinity Hall).

*A Blue

● Havant's end-of-season clash with Southgate, which will decide the Poundstretcher National League title, has been switched to Sunday. The Hockey Association has put back five league fixtures 24 hours to give teams time to recover from the Royal Bank indoor club championship finals night on Friday at Crystal Palace. The games affected are:

First division: East Grinstead v Walton (2pm), Harborne v Hounslow (1pm), Havant v Southgate (2.15pm), Stourport v Old Loughtonians (2pm). Second division: Doncaster v Anchorians (2.15pm), at Doncaster, on grass.

FENCING

# Association on look-out for sponsors

By a Special Correspondent

A revised membership structure and benefits to take the Amateur Fencing Association into the 1990s was announced by Philip Bruce, director for publicity and promotion, at a special conference in Bristol last weekend.

The association plans a promotional drive to make full use of its new logo.

Ten sponsorship packages have been sent to 300 British companies for national and international fencing competitions in an attempt to attract sponsors and produce a stronger circuit of competitions, or leagues, under one name which could qualify fencers for the British championships.

Proficiency awards and a national coaching scheme are to be introduced by October 1989, the aim being to help both beginners and clubs.

These moves came in response to the cut in Sports Council funding to the association after the Olympics. This led to the decision to spend relatively more of the grant on developing the sport and increasing its coaching base, and less on senior fencing, training of national squads and participation in international events.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

# Veteran manager loses his job with AS Roma

By Keith Blackmore

AS Roma have dismissed their Swedish manager, Nils Liedholm, following a 3-1 home defeat by Pescara, which leaves the club in seventh place in the table.

Liedholm, aged 67, known as "The Baron", will stay with the club for the time being as general manager, but he will be replaced as team manager by the former international defender, Luciano Spinosi. It was Liedholm's third spell as manager of Roma, where he was in charge when they won the title in 1983.

Later Milan, the leaders, put their surprising loss to Fiorentina last week behind them and beat Ascoli, the bottom team, with goals by Berti, Serena and Diaz.

The champions, AC Milan, beat Fiorentina 2-0 despite having Van Basten, the European footballer of the year, sent off for committing two fouls.

Followers of the Eric Cantona saga will not be disappointed by developments in France at the weekend. Cantona, whom many regard as the most talented French footballer since Platini, scored on Sunday in his first game for Bordeaux, the team he joined on loan from Marseille last week.

The goal might persuade Bordeaux to take him on permanently but it failed to stave off a 3-2 defeat at the hands of Strasbourg. Bordeaux have not won since October 15.

The hibernation of the West German first division ended on Saturday but the leaders, Bayern Munich, did not at once find their best form. Goals from Wegmann, his ninth of the season, and Thon, helped them to a 2-2 draw with Eintracht Frankfurt and preserved their unbeaten record.

Real Madrid, the leaders of the Spanish first divison, drew with Real Sociedad, maintaining their one-point lead over Barcelona, who drew with Valencia.

The Greek programme resumed yesterday after the postponement of the weekend programme because of a referees' strike over crowd violence.

## OVERSEAS RESULTS

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: San Martin de Tucuman 0, Rosario Central 0 (1-3 on penalties); Estudiantes de La Plata 0, Talleres de Córdoba 0 (3-2); Independiente 4, Deportivo Maodiyu 1; Platense 0, Argentinos Juniors 2; San Lorenzo 3, Velez Sarsfield 1; Racing de Córdoba 0, River Plate 5; Ferro Carril Oeste 1, Deportivo Armenio 1 (5-4); Newell's Old Boys 0, Gimnasia y Esgrima 1; Boca Juniors 1, Deportivo Español 0; Instituto de Córdoba 1, Racing Club 2. Leading positions: 1, Boca Juniors, played 23, 45pts; 2, Independiente, 23, 45; 3, Racing Club, 23, 45.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Molenbeek 1, Waregem 4; Cercle Bruges 0, Beveren 1; FC Liège 0, Club Bruges 0; Kortrijk 2, St Truiden 2; Racing Mechelen 0, Antwerp 2; Lokeren 0, Lierse 1; Gent 1, Standard Liege 2; Charleroi 0, Anderlecht 0; Beerschot 1, Mechelen 3. Leading positions: 1, Mechelen, played 22, 38pts; 2, Anderlecht, 22, 35; 3, Liège, 22, 30.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Second play-off game: Porto Alegre 0, Bahia 0. (Bahia champions on 2-1 aggregate).

DUTCH LEAGUE: Sparta 3, Ajax 2; FC Twente 3, Veendam 0; Roda JC 2, Willem II 0; RKC 0, Den Bosch 1; PSV 5, VVV Venlo 2; Haarlem 3, Volendam 0; FC Groningen 1, Feyenoord 1; FC Utrecht 2, MVV 2. Leading positions: 1, PSV, played 21, 34pts; 2, Ajax, 21, 29; 3, Feyenoord, 21, 27. CUP, 4th rd: Vlissingen 0, FC Den Haag 3.

FAI CUP: Second round: Parkvilla 0, Home Farm 2; Finn Harps 1, Bray Wanderers 1; Derry City 4, Monaghan United 1; Shelbourne 1, Dundalk 3; Cobh Ramblers 1, Cork City 2; University College Dublin 0, Shamrock Rovers 1. Postponed: Longford Town v Athlone Town; Limerick City v Drogheda United.

FRENCH LEAGUE: St Etienne 1, Nantes 0; Nice 1, Toulon 0; Marseille 1, Laval 0; Auxerre 0, Paris Saint-Germain 0; Lille 1, Caen 1; Toulouse 2, Monaco 0; Sochaux 4, Cannes 0; Montpellier 5, Metz 3. Leading positions: 1, Marseille, played 27, 52pts; 2, Paris Saint-Germain, 27, 52; 3, Auxerre, 27, 50.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Pescara 3, Roma 1; Atalanta 1, Napoli 1; Bologna 1, Pisa 0; Fiorentina 0, Milan 2; Internazionale 3, Ascoli 1; Juventus 0, Como 0; Lazio 0, Cagena 0; Udinese 0, Verona 0; Sampdoria 5, Torino 1. Leading positions: 1, Inter Milan, played 18, 30pts; 2, Napoli, 18, 28; 3, Sampdoria, 18, 23.

PORTUGESE LEAGUE: Boavista 2, Setubel 0; Sporting 0, Estreia Amadora 1; Farense 0, Benfica 2; Maritimo 0, Porto 0; Viseu 1, Leixoes 0; Espinho 2, Chaves 1; Guimaraes 2, Braga 0; Belenenses 1, Feirense 1; Portimonense 1, Beira Mar 0; Penafiel 2, Nacional Madeira 0. Leading positions: 1, Benfica, played 26, 42pts; 2, Porto, 26, 37; 3, Boavista, 26, 32.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Atletico Madrid 2, Seville 0; Cádiz 0, Athletic Bilbao 0; Malaga 1, Logrones 0; Español 1, Celta 1; Elche 3, Real Murcia 0; Valencia 1, Barcelona 1; Osasuna 0, Real Valladolid 2; Sporting 1, Real Zaragoza 2; Real Sociedad 1, Real Madrid 1; Real Betis 1, Real Oviedo 0. Leading positions: 1, Real Madrid, played 21, 35pts; 2, Barcelona, 22, 34; 3, Atletico Madrid, 22, 27.

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: VfB Stuttgart 1, Borussia Dortmund 3; Bayer Leverkusen 3, Waldhof Mannheim 0; Bayer Uerdingen 1, Cologne 1; Nuremberg 5, St Pauli 3; Eintracht Frankfurt 2, Bayern Munich 2; Kaiserslutre 2, Hanover 0; Hamburg 2, Werder Bremen 0; Kaiserslautern 0, Borussia Mönchengladbach 0. Postponed: Bochum v Stuttgart Kickers. Leading positions: 1, Bayern Munich, played 18, 27pts; 2, Cologne, 18, 23; 3, Werder Bremen 18, 23.

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday February 25 unless stated

LITTLEWOODS CUP SEMI-FINAL 2ND LEG

Not on coupons: Bristol City v Nottingham Forest (Sunday).

FIRST DIVISION

1 Derby v Everton
1 Millwall v Coventry
X Norwich v Manchester U
1 Wimbledon v Sheff Wed
Not on coupons: Arsenal v Luton; Aston Villa v Charlton; Middlesbrough v Newcastle (Sunday); Southampton v Tottenham; West Ham v QPR.

SECOND DIVISION

1 Barnsley v Blackburn
1 Bournemouth v Portsmouth
1 Brighton v Watford
1 Chelsea v Oldham
1 Leeds v Swindon
1 Man C v Plymouth
1 Oxford v Ipswich
1 Stoke v Leicester C
X Sunderland v Hull
X Walsall v Shrewsbury
1 WBA v Birmingham

Not on coupons: Crystal Palace v Bradford

THIRD DIVISION

1 Aldershot v Fulham
X Bolton v Port Vale
1 Brentford v Bury
X Cardiff v Chester
X Gillingham v Southend
1 Mansfield v Reading
X Northmptn v Swansea
X Notts Co v Bristol R
1 Preston v Chesterfield
1 Sheff U v Blackpool

Not on coupons: Wigan v Wolves (Friday)

FOURTH DIVISION

1 Burnley v Peterboro
X Camb U v Scunthorpe
1 Darlington v York
1 Grimsby v Exeter
1 Hereford v Stockport
X Rochdale v Halifax
1 Scarborough v Lincoln
1 Torquay v Carlisle
1 Tranmere v Rotherham
1 Wrexham v Hartlepool

Not on coupons: Colchester v Leyton Orient (Friday); Doncaster v Crewe (Friday)

HFS LOANS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Gateshead v Horwich
1 Morecambe v Shepshed
2 Mossley v Rhyl
1 Southport v Stalybridge

SCOTTISH PREMIER

1 Aberdeen v Hearts
2 Dundee v Celtic
1 Hibernian v Hamilton
2 Motherwell v Dundee U
1 Rangers v St Mirren

SCOTTISH FIRST

X Ayr v Meadowbank
2 Clyde v Clydebank
X Falkirk v Dunfermline
1 Forfar v Morton
2 Dn of South v Partick
2 Raith v Airdrie
1 St Johnstone v Kilmarnock

SCOTTISH SECOND

1 Albion v Montrose
2 Arbroath v Berwick
1 Brechin v Alloa
1 East Fife v Cowdnbth
2 Stenhsmuir v E Stirling
1 Stirling v Qns Park
1 Stranraer v Dumbarton

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Norwich, Sunderland, Walsall, Bolton, Cardiff, Gillingham, Northampton, Notts County, Cambridge United, Rochdale, Ayr, Falkirk. BEST DRAWS: Norwich, Walsall, Notts County, Cambridge United, Rochdale. AWAYS: Rhyl, Celtic, Dundee United, Partick, Airdrie, Clydebank. HOMES: Wimbledon, Chelsea, Leeds, Manchester City, WBA, Preston, Burnley, Wrexham, Hibernian, Rangers, St Johnstone, Alloa.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Chelsea, Manchester City, WBA, Burnley, Wrexham. Aways: Newcastle, Celtic, Dundee United. Draws: Millwall, Norwich, Cambridge United.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

**Barclays League**

**First division**
Coventry v Arsenal .....
Millwall v Middlesbrough .....
Tottenham v Norwich (7.45) .....

**Second division**
Blackburn v Oxford .....
Ipswich v Barnsley (7.45) .....

**Third division**
Aldershot v Bristol C .....

**Sherpa Van Trophy**
**Quarter-finals**
**Northern section**
Bolton v Wrexham .....
Halifax v Blackpool .....
Huddersfield v Scarborough .....
Wigan v Crewe .....

**Southern section**
Chesterfield v Brentford .....
Wolverhampton v Northampton .....

**GM Vauxhall Conference**
Runcorn v Kettering .....
Telford v Cheltenham .....

**B and Q Scottish League**
**Premier division**
St Mirren v Hibernian .....

**First division**
Morton v Falkirk .....
Dumbarton v Berwick .....
E Stirling v Cowdenbeath .....

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division (7.0): Bradford v Notts County (7.30); Middlesbrough v Stoke; Oldham v Rotherham.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION (2.0): Charlton v Chelsea; Portsmouth v Southampton (7.0); Reading v Arsenal; Watford v Tottenham (7.30).

CAPITAL FINANCE AND LEASING SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE (2.0): Plymouth Argyle v Bournemouth; Torquay v Bristol City.

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Colchester v Welling.

IRISH LEAGUE: Budweiser League Cup: First round, second leg (*first leg score in brackets*): Crusaders (0) v Glentoran (1); Newry (2) v Cliftonville (1). Second round: Bangor v Larne. Glenavon v Portadown.

CLUBCALL CUP: Third round: Newport v Kidderminster. Fourth round: Bishop's Stortford v Sutton United.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division north: Berkhamsted v Heybridge (7.45); Witham v Hemel Hempstead (7.45). Second division south: Flackwell Heath v Dorking (7.45); Whyteleafe v Eastbourne United.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: League Cup: Fourth round: Rhyl v Fleetwood.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: Fourth round, second leg (*first leg score in brackets*): Dartford (1) v Dover (2). Premier division: Ashford v Redditch; Martnyr v Dorchester; Moor Green v Bedworth. Midland division: Ashtree Highfield v Atherstone; Halesowen v Gloucester; Tamworth v Stourbridge; Willenhall v Mile Oak. Southern division: Corinthian v Hastings; Gravesend and Northfleet v Canterbury.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Paulton v Bristol Manor Farm.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Rossendale v Leyland Motors (7.45).

BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: Third round: Abingdon Town v Burnham; Thatcham v Windsor and Eton.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: Semi-finals: Enfield v Staines.

STAFFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Third round: Leek v Northwich Victoria.

SURREY SENIOR CUP: Semi-finals: Chertsey v Woking; Epsom and Ewell v Carshalton.

ESSEX THAMES TROPHY: Clapton v Barking; Burnham Ramblers v Barkingside (7.45).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Combined Services v Football Association XI (Military Stadium, Aldershot).

**OTHER SPORT**

BOWLS: Bristol and West champion of champions: London and Southern area finals (Guildford).

SNOOKER: British open (Derby).

SQUASH RACKETS: American Express Premier League: First division (7.0): Mayflower Lambs v James Capel Ardleigh; Fin Simod Herts v UTC Cannons; Castlemaine Weston v ServiceCope Thornbridge; Village Hotels v Jim Hall Sports Northern.

**SPORT ON TV**

CLIMBING: Screensport 8.10-10.10pm: Master d'escalade de Bercy: Indoor event.

CRICKET: Eurosport 11pm-midnight: Benson and Hedges World Series: Highlights of the one-day series: Australia v West Indies from Australia.

GOLF: Screensport: 3-4.30pm: Hawaiian open: Final day.

HANDBALL: Eurosport 12.30-1.30 and 8-9pm: World championships from Paris.

ICE HOCKEY: Eurosport 10-11pm: European Cup.

ICE SKATING: Screensport 10.10-11.10pm: Brian Boitano — Canvas of Ice.

JUDO: Screensport 4.30-6pm: Paris tournament.

MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 10.30-11.30am: Shell International. Screensport 6-7.10pm: American sports carsloads.

RUGBY UNION: Eurosport 2.30-3.30pm: Five nations' championship: Highlights of France v Wales.

SKIING: Eurosport 11.30am-12.30pm and 7-8pm: World nordic championships from Lahti, Finland.

SNOOKER: Eurosport 1.30-2.30 and 9-10pm: World match play championship. ITV 11.45pm-12.45am: Cockney classic.

SPEEDWAY: Screensport 7.10-8.10pm: World ice team championships: Semi-final from Les Houches, France.

TENNIS: BBC2 4.30-5pm: Tennis legends.

THE WORLD'S STRONGEST MAN: Eurosport 6-7pm.

صحفة من الأهل

# Don Valentino to gain upper hand

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Twelve months ago, Kribensis used Huntingdon's Chatteris Fen Hurdle as a springboard to launch his successful assault on the *Daily Express* Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham. Today, Don Valentino and Vayrua will be hoping to do likewise.

At present they are the fourth and fifth favourites respectively for what is generally regarded as the four-year-old's championship, which true to its status is a level-weight affair.

This time, though, Vayrua will be getting 3lb from his principal rival. But even that should not be sufficient for him to beat the Jenny Pitman-trained, whose only defeats this season under National Hunt rules have been at the hands of the crack Irish youngster Kiichi and Spanish Servant.

The latter's eight-length victory in the Hatch Bridge Hurdle at Windsor last Saturday served as a timely reminder that Don Valentino was not remotely disgraced when, making his English debut at Warwick last month, he was beaten three-quarters of a length by Spanish Servant.

In the meantime, he has made up for lost time by trouncing the opposition at Plumpton and Wolverhampton.

Vayrua also overwhelmed his opponents last time out at Leicester, thereby justifying his odds of 4-1 on.

Before that though he had been beaten by Propero at Fontwell Park, somewhat surprisingly in view of the promise that he had shown earlier at Cheltenham where had been second to Enemy Action on his jumping debut. On balance, I prefer Don Valentino.

In selecting Hitchcock to win the Jim Holden Novices' Chase, I'm only too well aware of the fact that he has fallen in three of his last four races. However, the fact remains that on the only time that he has stood up over fences the John Edwards trained six-year-old looked more than just useful.

At Huntingdon's previous meeting, Rambling Song beat Gee-A by 2½ lengths to record his second win in succession and at the same time deprive the runner-up of his fifth victory on the track.

Now the two are set to clash again in the Tick Fen Handicap Chase for which Rambling Song is still marginally preferred even on the altered terms now that his shins no longer appear to trouble him.

Half an hour later, General Chryson, the horse who finished third to Rambling Song and Gee-A in their race 12 days ago, has to be considered seriously for the Farlet Fen Handicap Chase as indeed does Tim Forster's Wincanton winner Fence Judge.



Gee-A, seen winning at Cheltenham, contests the Tick Fen Chase at Huntingdon today

Yet I prefer to go nap on Compton Park with only 10st 6lb on his back. For the form of his last race against Leagaune at Towcester has worked out really well in the meantime with Leagaune winning again over the same course and distance.

At Sedgefield, Irish Red is taken to trigger off a double for local trainer Arthur Stephenson by winning the Bet With The Tote Novices' Chase qualifier, a double to be completed half an hour later by Rymer's Walk (3.15).

But stable companion Gowan House should not account for either Tresidder or Lacidar in the Shotton Handicap Chase.

While conceding that Lacidar had certainly improved of late, it is still pertinent to point out that Tresidder gave him 21lb when they finished third and fourth respectively behind Castlevennon over the same course and distance five weeks ago.

Ten lengths separated them then. Following a short rest, Tresidder looks poised to come out on top again on 11lb better terms.

## HUNTINGDON

### Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Boutzdaroff.
2.30 Hitchcock.
3.00 Don Valentino.
3.30 Rambling Song.
4.00 COMPTON PARK (nap).
4.30 Taxi Lad.

By Michael Seely

3.30 GEE-A (nap). 4.30 Taxi Lad.

### Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

### Going: good (chase course); good to soft (hurdles)

**2.0 FEBRUARY NOVICES HURDLE** (£1,086: 2m 100yd) (13 runners)

1 F0-6116 ANOTHER CORAL 37 (D,G,S) (M Dewley) D Nicholson 6-11-10 ... R Dunwoody 85
2 2111U2 BOUTZDAROFF 32 (D,BF,F,G) (Robinson Publications) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-10 ... — ● 99
3 653414 ALTRAFAN 20 (D,G) (P Locke) G Harwood 6-11-5 ... Miss A Harwood (4) 91
4 0P CRASHING BORE 33 (C Ellis) S Mellor 5-11-0 ... G Charles-Jones —
5 605 EBORNEEZER'S DREAM 21 (F Lamyman) Mrs S Lamyman 6-11-0 ... D Tallor (7) 79
6 5 *GENERAL GLORY 30 (Mrs H Ryan Price) J Gifford 5-11-0* ... —
7 60002F- HELLO ROCKY 281 (Miss E Sneyd) Miss E Sneyd 6-11-0 ... S Wright —
8 04 HIDDEN DOLLAR 29 (Mrs J Cotton) T Forster 5-11-0 ... H Davies 81
9 0-00 HIGH LAWS 45 (A Benham) Mrs D Haine 5-11-0 ... *S Smith Eccles* —
10 42 MEDITATOR 83 (Mrs J Perrin) W Perrin 5-11-0 ... M Bowlby —
11 00 RAE BOTHER 15 (W Wharton) J Wharton 5-11-0 ... S J O'Neill —
12 00 SIMANNA 41 (Mrs V Langford) A Turnell 5-11-0 ... I Lawrence (7) 91
13 0 SNOW ROBIN 14 (Mrs J Worthington) Miss G Rees 5-11-0 ... —

BETTING: 6-4 Boutzdaroff, 3-1 Another Coral, 9-2 Altrafan, 7-1 General Glory, 8-1 Hidden Dollar, 12-1 Meditator, 14-1 Simanna, 16-1 others.

1988: EPITROT 5-11-0 J White (7-4 fav) M Robinson 16 ran

**FORM** ANOTHER CORAL was a well-beaten 8th behind Cruising Altitude at Kempton (2m, good to firm) on Boxing Day; previously got up close home to beat Blue Sourbon a head at Bangor (2m, soft). BOUTZDAROFF, four times a winner this term, was beaten 5l by For The Grain at Catterick (2m, good to firm) latest; possibly best on fast ground.
ALTRAFAN won a Towcester seller (2m, good) in December and was not disgraced when 5l 4th to Taxi Lad (rec 7lb) in a Hereford handicap (2m, good to soft) last time.
GENERAL GLORY weakened some way out when distant 5th to Aleikhine at Ascot (2m, good) on debut; should improve for the outing. HIDDEN DOLLAR made good late headway when 18l 4th to Nice Dynasty at Windsor (2m 30yd, good) earlier this month; from a stable in form.
MEDITATOR ran on well when beaten a head by Pasjada at Ludlow (2m, good) in a National Hunt Flat race.
Selection: HIDDEN DOLLAR

**2.30 JIM HOLDEN NOVICES CHASE** (£1,501: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

1 60FP1F HITCHCOCK 3 (D,G,S) (R Padgham) J Edwards 6-11-10 ... T Morgan ● 99
2 F42-025 BARN BRAE 31 (J Barton) J Leigh 7-11-3 ... Mr J Barton 81
3 23-6166 BICKERSTAFFE 45 (G,S) (C Pointon) Miss S Wilton 8-11-3 ... S Smith Eccles —
4 550646 DRY GIN 10 (L Naylor) M Chapman 6-11-3 ... *R Fahey (4)* 70
5 6-43348 GLEBE SPINNEY 15 (S) (R Micklethwait) J Wharton 7-11-3 ... S J O'Neill —
6 30F6-65 HOLLIST 71 (S Sainsbury) T Forster 8-11-3 ... C Llewellyn 90
7 141-5/5 KNOCKERRA 12 (G) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 9-11-3 ... C O'Dwyer —
8 6-606F LUMLEY LAKE 11 (H Haskins) J Gifford 6-11-3 ... —
9 0-23/P0 NEW ROMNEY 12 (R E A Bott (Wigmore St) Ltd) B McMahon 8-11-3 ... H Davies —
10 0-46865 SELL IT KILROY 16 (F) (Dewfresh Mushrooms) J Gifford 6-11-3 ... 85
11 P-F6000 BARTON RISE 13 (B) (Miss V Williams) J Edwards 9-10-12 ... D Tegg —

BETTING: 7-4 Hitchcock, 7-2 Hollist, 4-1 Bickerstaffe, 6-1 Sell It Kilroy, 8-1 Lumley Lake.

1988: DELIUS 10-11-10 K Mooney (1-2 fav) R Lee 15 ran

HITCHCOCK jumped well when making all to beat Longriver Lady by 8l at Bangor (2m 4f, good to soft) on penultimate start; has fallen three times this term. BARN BRAE weakened some way out when distant 5th to Bruson Street (2m 4f, soft) at Haydock last time; best form at 2m.
BICKERSTAFFE won a 17-runner handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, soft) in November; did not enjoy fencing when tried two seasons ago. HOLLIST was a fair 5th to Positive at Warwick (2m, good to soft) on chasing bow; sure to improve and looks to have a good chance here.
Selection: HOLLIST

**3.0 CHATTERIS FEN HURDLE** (4-Y-O: £4,825: 2m 100yd) (4 runners)

1 2211 DON VALENTINO 15 (D,S) (A Nadir) Mrs J Pitman 11-3 ... M Pitman ● 99
2 221183 ROYAL DERBI 56 (D,F,S) (J Lockhart) N Callaghan 11-3 ... G McCourt 90
3 221 VAYRUA 42 (D,S) (A Ward) G Harwood 11-0 ... M Perrett 95
4 6642U2 TITUS GOLD 10 (V) (A Dickinson) M Dickinson 10-10 ... R Beggan 74

BETTING: Evens Don Valentino, 2-1 Vayrua, 9-2 Royal Derbi, 20-1 Titus Gold.

1988: KRIBENSIS 4-11-0 R Dunwoody (8-11 fav) M Stoute 11 ran

DON VALENTINO is taken to complete a treble; most impressive when slamming previous winner Fire Top in a good time at Wolverhampton (2m, good to soft) last time; an exciting Triumph Hurdle prospect. ROYAL DERBI has been off the course since finishing 3rd to smart Enemy Action at Chepstow (2m, soft) in December; was successful five times early in the season. VAYRUA, rated better than stablemate Santella Bobkes, is also Cheltenham bound; comfortably beat Gunner's Hill by 15l at Leicester (2m, good to soft) *on most recent outing; holds ROYAL DERBI on* a line through Enemy Action and looks the one for the forecast. TITUS GOLD was beaten 5l by Hello Mark at Uttoxeter (2m, good to soft) last time and looks outclassed.
Selection: DON VALENTINO (nap)

**3.30 TICK FEN HANDICAP CHASE** (£2,322: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

1 211F-FP BEAU DEREK 12 (CD,G,S) (W Spink) T Barron 9-12-0 ... G Harker 92
2 000412 GEE-A 12 (CD,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 10-11-12 ... B Murphy (7) 97
3 F4-2411 RAMBLING SONG 12 (C,D,G,S) (Lord Chelsea) T Forster 9-11-2 ... H Davies ● 99
4 1-25432 GOODMAN POINT 17 (D,F,G,S) (T Wragg) S Christian 7-10-13 ... J Osborne 98

BETTING: 6-4 Rambling Song, 2-1 Gee-A, 4-1 Goodman Point, 5-1 Beau Derek.

1988: BEAU DEREK 8-11-3 G Harker (5-2 fav) T Barron 15 ran

BEAU DEREK enjoyed an excellent season last term, winning this race as well as three other events over this trip; badly out of sorts this term however. GEE-A came back to form when winning here over 2m 4f (good to soft) last month but found RAMBLING SONG (3lb worse off) 2½l too good over this course and distance last time with BEAU DEREK *pulled up*.
RAMBLING SONG had earlier comfortably accounted for Shannagary by 12l at Windsor (2m 5f, good) and is clearly in good heart at present. GOODMAN POINT acts on any going and came back to somewhere near his best when 2½l 2nd to The Leggett at Stratford (2m 6f, good).
Selection: GEE-A

**4.0 FARLET FEN HANDICAP CHASE** (£2,302: 3m) (13 runners)

1 01R/1-U3 GENERAL CHRYSON 12 (CD,S) (M Peraticos) J Gifford 9-11-10 ... Peter Hobbs 94
2 6P1P3/P LEGATE 18 (G,S) (R J Houghton) R Johnson Houghton 12-11-7 Mr G Johnson Houghton 90
3 1-6U331 FENCE JUDGE 40 (S) (S Preston) T Forster 7-11-1 ... C Llewellyn 93
4 9F0003 ASCENMOOR 22 (F,G,S) (S Bowring) S Bowring 10-11-1 ... M F Murphy (7) 96
5 32-1334 EVEN DEEPER 24 (B) (R Beeson) J Blundell 9-11-0 ... R Dunwoody 94
6 0P/62-04 MR PARKER 4 (F) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 7-10-13 ... C O'Dwyer —
7 613/P56- LUCKY VINTAGE 357 (F) (Miss M Preece) P Pritchard 12-10-7 ... 89
8 PP-0U40 BERMUDA'S GLEN 21 (F,S) (R McGahon) J Blundell 11-10-6 ... J A Harris 90
9 5-83312 COMPTON PARK 32 (B,D,G,S) (Lord Vestey) J King 8-10-6 ... S Smith Eccles ● 99
10 1P334P ABEROY 24 (CD,F) (R Scott) M Ryan 10-10-4 ... J Ryan (4) 97
11 2583P3 DELATOR 20 (S) (P Brewer) J Roberts 12-10-1 ... B Powell 94
12 694436 SCALE MODEL 20 (D,S) (J Roper) J Roper 7-10-1 ... R Hyett 98
13 2-36334 GREENORE PRIDE 19 (D,G,S) (Andrew Baird Tennis) P Burgoyne 12-10-0 ... R Beggan 93

Long handicap: Greenore Pride 9-10.

BETTING: 11-4 Compton Park, 4-1 Fence Judge, 5-1 General Chryson, 7-1 Even Deeper, 8-1 Mr Parker, 10-1 Ascenmoor, 12-1 Legate, Scale Model, 14-1 Greenore Pride, 16-1 others.

1988: CUMREW 8-11-5 S Smith Eccles (8-1) N Henderson 14 ran

GENERAL CHRYSON goes well with a cut in the ground and put up a fair effort last time when 3½l 3rd to Rambling Song over the course and distance last time; *runs off a 3lb lower mark than when* successful at Chepstow (3m, good to soft) last term. FENCE JUDGE is gradually finding his form and ran out a ¾l winner from Echo Sounder at Wincanton (3m 1f, good to soft) last time out.
EVEN DEEPER won at Market Rasen (2m, good to soft) earlier in the season and last time finished 10½l 4th to Proverity at Doncaster (3m 122yd, good to firm). COMPTON PARK accounted for Gadbrook by 2l at Bangor (3m, good to soft) on penultimate start and was meeting an improving performer when beaten 3l by Leagaune at Towcester (3m 190yd, good to soft) on latest outing.
SCALE MODEL ran well below par last time out but would have definite claims if reproducing the form of her 1½l 2nd to Crammer at Ludlow (3m, good) previously; runs off the same mark as when easily winning at Worcester (3m, heavy) last term.
Selection: SCALE MODEL

**4.30 LONGWOOD FEN NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE** (£1,198: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

1 001-363 ADAMS IMPRINT 82 (F) (D Lowe) J Edwards 6-11-12 ... D Tegg 88
2 00-6534 DANDY MINSTREL 26 (W Robins) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-5 ... M Pitman 88
3 652401 TAXI LAD 20 (S) (Mrs C Davies) R Brazington 5-11-2 ... R Beggan 94
4 43P304 HIGH CHATEAU 7 (M Lilley) J Spearing 5-11-2 ... A Webb 92
5 000 AMARI KING 20 (M Ward-Thomas) T Forster 5-10-13 ... C Llewellyn 82
6 2-UPPP VAGABUNDO 45 (Mrs T Baron) M Ryan 8-10-8 ... J McLaughlin —
7 008 SILAS 42 (G Faber) R Earnshaw 8-10-8 ... — 87
8 45221F *MILTON BRYAN 8 (C,F) (A Markham)* J Ffitch-Heyes 4-10-8 ... R Goldstein 90
9 582610 GOLDEN SAMPHIRE 22 (D,S) (R White) M Chapman 4-10-7 ... R Fahey (4) ● 99
10 062020 LEVISHAM 3 (B Matthews) Mrs D Haine 4-10-4 ... S Smith Eccles 98
11 065P65 LYPHEORIC 7 (N De Savary) N Thomson 4-10-3 ... — —

BETTING: 9-4 Taxi Lad, 4-1 Milton Bryan, 5-1 Dandy Minstrel, 6-1 Golden Samphire, 10-1 Levisham, High Chateau, Adams Imprint, 14-1 Amari King, 16-1 others.

1988: MUSIC MINSTREL 5-10-7 I Lawrence (7-1) A Turnell 21 ran

ADAMS IMPRINT has been running creditably this term, last time out finishing a 3l 3rd to Regardless at Warwick (2m 5f, soft). TAXI LAD confirmed the promise of earlier efforts when landing a gamble at Hereford (2m, good to soft) last time by 4l from Jane Craig; can follow up.
HIGH CHATEAU has shown enough ability to suggest he has claims in this event. Last time out 13½l 4th to Arctic Teal at Towcester (2m 5f 28yd, soft). MILTON BRYAN fell least but had earlier scored a comfortable 7l success in a seller over 2m 100yd (good to firm) here in November.
GOLDEN SAMPHIRE ran disappointly at Southwell (2m4f, good) last time out but put up a far better effort previously when running out a 8l winner at Market Rasen (2m 4f, good to soft). LEVISHAM appears reasonably treated on his 12l 2nd to Grossen at Leicester (2m, good to soft).
Selection: TAXI LAD

### Course specialists

| TRAINERS | Winners | Runners | Per cent |
|---|---|---|---|
| J Edwards | 7 | 25 | 28.0 |
| Jimmy Fitzgerald | 10 | 36 | 27.8 |
| S Christian | 4 | 20 | 20.0 |
| J Gifford | 22 | 110 | 20.0 |
| M Ryan | 6 | 36 | 16.7 |
| Mrs D Haine | 3 | 20 | 15.0 |

| JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | Per cent |
|---|---|---|---|
| R Fahey | 3 | 9 | 33.3 |
| S Smith Eccles | 19 | 78 | 24.4 |
| J Osborne | 3 | 14 | 21.4 |
| A Webb | 4 | 23 | 17.4 |
| G McCourt | 8 | 63 | 12.7 |
| M Pitman | 3 | 25 | 12.0 |

## SEDGEFIELD

### Selections

By Mandarin

1.45 Yanbu.
2.15 Eurocon.
2.45 Irish Red.
3.15 Rymer's Walk.
3.45 Tresidder.
4.15 Mind Your Back.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.45 Lacidar.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 *SILLY BEGGAR*.
Brian Beel's selection: 3.15 Whitley Burn.

### Going: good

**1.45 BILLINGHAM CLAIMING NOVICES HURDLE** (4-Y-O: £1,088: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

1 00P0 THIMONI 11 (B) (K Johnson) G Moore 11-4 ... N Doughty —
2 343212 YANBU 26 (B,S) (J Pepper) J Jenkins 11-3 ... — ● 99
3 2103P0 MARSHALSTONESWOOD 21 (F,S) (Wetherby Racing Bureau) R Whitaker 11-1 G Bradley 92
4 8 AUDRINA 18 (G West) S Kettlewell 11-0 ... S Turner 76
5 006 ETAAB 21 (Maltsword Ltd) F Yardley 11-0 ... *D Byrne (4)* 79
6 00 ANOTHER TOY 18 (P Hilton) T Caldwell 10-13 ... Peter Caldwell 81
7 0P0882 TWO-HALFS 10 (H Johnson) J Johnson 10-13 ... Ger Lyons (4) 90

BETTING: 11-10 Yanbu, 4-1 Two-Halfs, 11-2 Marshalstoneswood, 8-1 Etaab, 14-1 Another Toy, 25-1 Audrina, 33-1 Thimoni.

1988: EUROCON 4-10-10 D Tegg (5-2 fav) T Barron 14 ran

**2.15 HARRY LANE MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE** (£1,941: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

1 4014-00 COMEDY FAIR 10 (D,G,S) (P Blockley) P Blockley 9-11-10 ... J O'Hanlon (7) —
2 120643 LOTTIE'S FURY 3 (D,F,G,S) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 6-11-9 ... Mr K Johnson 83
3 000041 EUROCON 10 (CD,F,G,S) *(W Spink) T Barron 5-11-6* ... B McGill (7) 82
4 332140 DUBIOUS JAKE 8 (B,S) (M Oldham) G Moore 6-11-5 ... J Callaghan (7) 80
5 4-16145 *KATES FLING 30 (G)* (R Fisher) R Fisher 6-11-1 ... R Hodge (7) 84
6 465-442 SILLY BEGGAR 17 (G) (J Sunter) J Sunter 6-10-11 ... B Storey ● 99
7 362100 MEGAN'S MOVE 50 (C,G,S) (H Hutchinson) W Storey 6-10-10 ... A Carroll 81
8 0400-RR LISFENNELL 70 (Mrs S *McDonald) P Blockley* 7-10-6 ... R Crank 80
9 000553 ABSONANT 35 (C,D,F,G,S) (A Flannigan) Mrs G Reveley 7-10-4 ... P Niven 80
10 4F0-P04 *JUST PRETEND 11* (T Whitfield) C Bell 5-10-0 ... M Meagher 83
11 525004 SWORD BEACH 52 (Mrs S Mason) M H Easterby 5-10-0 ... *L Wyer* 81
12 060415 HOWS TONY 21 (CD,F) (Mrs D Bousfield) B Bousfield 8-10-0 ... L O'Hara (7) 86
13 000-60P ALBURY LODGE 11 (Albury Racing Ltd) *Denys Smith* 5-10-0 ... A G Smith (7) —

Long handicap: Just Pretend 9-12, Sword Beach 9-11, Hows Tony 9-6, Albury Lodge 9-4.

BETTING: 5-2 *Silly Beggar*, 5-1 Hows Tony, 13-2 Absonant, 7-1 Eurocon, 8-1 Megan's Move, 10-1 Dubious Jake, Lottie's Fury, 12-1 others.

1988: CHRISTMAS HOLLY 7-11-6 P Niven (8-1) Mrs G R Reveley 15 ran

**2.45 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE** (Qualifier: £1,553: 3m 2f 160yd) (9 runners)

1 064131 LINGHAM BRIDE 11 (CD,F,G,S) (J Swiers) J Swiers 7-11-5 ... Mr S Swiers 87
2 5-34431 IRISH RED 11 (CD,F,S) (Hathaway Roofing Ltd) W A Stephenson 7-11-3 ... A Merrigan ● 99
3 ALLENELLA (M Vernon) M Vernon 9-10-10 ... A Orkney —
4 0/206/-3 BRABINER BOY 81 (T Laxton) T Laxton 8-10-10 ... L Wyer 84
5 320-P6P FOCUS ON FOSTER 10 (Foster Refrigerator Ltd) C Bell 7-10-10 ... M Meagher 89
6 06004F JOHN CORBET 17 (J Thompson) D Lee 6-10-10 ... D Nolan 79
7 *PF5P-5 TWICE LOVED 21 (Paul Bradley) J Mackie 8-10-10* ... *D Shaw* 85
8 06030-0 CAROUSEL CROSSETT 10 (E Caine) E Caine 8-10-5 ... J Beardsall —
9 430254 EDENBURT 20 (Mrs H Aitkin) Miss A Aitkin 11-10-5 ... P Niven 89

BETTING: 7-4 Irish Red, 11-4 Lingham Bride, 6-1 Focus On Foster, 9-1 Twice Loved, 10-1 Edenburt, 12-1 others.

1988: ALMONDBURY 7-10-10 Mr T Thomson-Jones (11-10 fav) M W Easterby 14 ran

**3.15 SPRING SOWING MAIDEN HUNTERS CHASE** (Amateurs: £1,007: 3m 2f 160yd) (13 runners)

1 460F54- BLUE RAVINE 270 (J Riddell) J Riddell 10-12-5 ... — 74
2 F CAVALIER CROSSETT 10 (E M Caine) E Caine 8-12-5 ... J Beardsall —
3 *5/0046-4 CHERRY BRAVE 4 (M Thompson) J Johnson 8-12-5* ... *M Thompson (4)* —
4 3P456-0 CONWAY GROVE 17 (J Swiers) J Swiers 9-12-5 ... S Swiers (4) 74
5 JUST BROOK (D Hutchinson) D Hutchinson 10-12-5 ... J Townson (7) —
6 P/4222F- *MOYSPRUIT 404* (Mrs W Bissill) W Bissill 10-12-5 ... *Mrs H Bissill (7)* 80
7 4/40P-P OVER THE FORT 17 (M Sams) M Sams 8-12-5 ... *Miss S Williamson (7)* —
8 PAR KELLY 1250 (Mrs J Sowersby) Mrs J Sowersby 9-12-5 ... M Sowersby (7) —
9 35-2335 RYMER'S WALK 17 (J Greenall) W A Stephenson 8-12-5 ... J Greenall (4) ● 99
10 6-RP544 THE RIDINGS 154 (R Tate) R Tate 10-12-5 ... *Miss F Tate (7)* 71
11 *0F02U/0- WHITLEY BURN 323 (R Park)* R Park 10-12-5 ... R Park (7) 81
12 0PP/4- LADY LAW 344 (Mrs H Kelley) Mrs H Kelley 10-12-0 ... S Charlton (7) —
13 *3404/0/-* WOLD SONG 645 (Mrs T C-Clark) Mrs T C-Clark 13-12-0 ... *Mrs T Corrigan-Clark* —

BETTING: 15-8 Rymer's Grove, 7-2 Conway Grove, 4-1 Moyspruit, 13-2 Blue Ravine, 8-1 Whitley Burn, 10-1 The Ridings, 14-1 others.

1988: *DOUGLAS BRIG 10-11-5 Mr N Hargreave* (7-2) N Hargreave 13 ran

**3.45 SHOTTON HANDICAP CHASE** (£1,748: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

1 523134 *GOWAN HOUSE 18 (CD,F,G,S) (P Piller)* W A Stephenson 10-12-0 ... A Merrigan ● 99
2 4-11F23 TRESIDDER 35 (BF,CD,G,S) (S Brewer) M W Easterby 7-11-11 ... L Wyer 93
3 542411 LACIDAR 11 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs E Seagrave) J Johnson 9-11-0 ... Ger Lyons (4) 96
4 3-32P16 BROXTED SPAR 39 (F,S) (T Wardle) P Blockley 8-10-4 ... P Niven 95
5 481013 KERSIL 21 (CD,F,G,S) (J Swiers) J Swiers 12-10-0 ... A Orkney 87

Long handicap: Kersil 8-8.

BETTING: 6-4 Lacidar, 5-2 Gowan House, 4-1 Broxted Spar, 13-2 Tresidder, 9-1 Kersil.

1988: MR PERFECT 9-10-3 M Hammond (16-1) B Wilkinson 13 ran

**4.15 EBF NOVICES HURDLE** (Qualifier: £988: 2m) (9 runners)

1 002121 MIND YOUR BACK 19 *(D,F,G) (R Haggas)* J FitzGerald 6-11-10 ... D Byrne (4) ● 99
2 00P-0F6 CLIPPERS DREAM 10 (Mrs M Dixon) J Jefferson 6-11-0 ... R Marley 80
3 0-6000 GOLDEN BOREEN 8 (Northumbria Leisure Ltd) O Brennan 6-11-0 ... B Storey —
4 060/-00 GOLDEN POLLEN 48 (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 7-11-0 ... A Merrigan —
5 00-U INDEMNITY 11 (C Buckley) T Caldwell 5-11-0 ... Peter Caldwell —
6 3/-F445 JELBLEND 27 (Mark Thompson) Denys Smith 7-11-0 ... Mr M Thompson (7) —
7 0-52422 ROSCOE THE BRAVE 10 (G Orchard) S Kettlewell 5-11-0 ... R Garritty (7) 95
8 000066 ANRIKA 17 (D Lee) D Lee 6-10-9 ... J Callaghan (7) 85
9 0-060 MISS KAMSY 30 *(David N Smith) R Fisher 5-10-9* ... P Niven —

BETTING: 7-4 Mind Your Back, 9-4 Roscoe The Brave, 11-2 Clippers Dream, 8-1 Miss Kamsy, 10-1 Anrika, 12-1 Jelblend, 16-1 others.

1988: GRANNY'S BAY 5-11-10 N Doughty (8-4 fav) D McCain 16 ran

### Course specialists

| TRAINERS | Winners | Runners | Per cent |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jimmy Fitzgerald | 15 | 57 | 26.3 |
| T Barron | 7 | 27 | 25.9 |
| J Jefferson | 5 | 23 | 21.7 |
| R Whitaker | 4 | 21 | 19.0 |
| G Moore | 13 | 69 | 18.8 |
| M H Easterby | 12 | 67 | 17.9 |

| JOCKEYS | Winners | Rides | Per cent |
|---|---|---|---|
| D Byrne | 3 | 10 | 30.0 |
| G Bradley | 11 | 49 | 22.4 |
| R Garritty | 4 | 24 | 16.7 |
| A Merrigan | 12 | 76 | 15.8 |
| Mr S Swiers | 8 | 53 | 15.1 |
| Ger Lyons | 4 | 28 | 14.3 |


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# Impressive Jelupe has bright future

Point-to-point
by Brian Beel

A new star of the point-to-pointing world emerged on Saturday when the seven-year-old winner of the 1988 Melton Novices, Jelupe, took the Audi qualifier at the Old Raby Hunt Club meeting at Witton Castle.

Mademist Susie, one of the top northern pointers last season, was the odds-on favourite having already had a run, coming fourth in a hunter chase at Wetherby a fortnight ago.

Nigel Tutty always had her handily placed, but after going second behind Robin Sandys-Clarke on Jelupe three fences out, and despite being hard ridden, she could not catch the veteran rider on his youngster.

There was a hold-up of half an hour at this meeting when both ambulances were needed to take three riders to a Bishop Auckland Hospital after six horses fell in the maiden race. The field of twenty set off at a cracking pace and Printer's winning time was faster than both the adjacent and open races.

The meeting was marred, however, by the loss of a promising youngster in William Bethell's Terie Tomo, who was well clear and looking to be justifying his market support, when he fell and broke a leg two fences from home in a division of the restricted.

At the Lanark and Renfrewshire, favourite backers had a field day with five out of six obliging. In the open, however, many thought they had lost their money when Sandwood Court finished two lengths ahead of Kitango. After an objection it transpired that out in the country Michael Dunn had taken Sandwood Court the wrong side of the flag, and Callum Kennedy was awarded the race on the second horse home.

Nigel Bloom was at his brilliant best and took his season's total to six — including his hunter chase win on Kelly's Honor — when he had a double at the Suffolk. It was no surprise, after his maiden race win at the North Norfolk, that Darrington Deal was the 7-4 favourite in the restricted race, but Bloom had to pull out all the stops to win by half a length from Colin Gee on the five-year-old Chevalogan.

His second leg of the double was a remarkable achievement on Royal Raga in the open. After showing promise in Ireland two seasons ago, Royal Raga proved a big disappointment last year on the East Anglian circuit in very moderate company. Moving up in class on Saturday he was among the 33-1 others but defied these odds to win, under hard driving, by a neck from George Cooper on the favourite, Noan Wood.

# Gaines sells stud farm

Gainesway Farm, one of the world's leading thoroughbred studs, has been sold for an undisclosed sum. The 500-acre Lexington farm has been bought by Renwick plc, a British-based company owned by Graham J Beck, a leading South African breeder.

Beck owns three thoroughbred breeding farms in South Africa, where he has been the leading breeder and owner for eight consecutive years. In the last two years he has bought two smaller Kentucky studs.

The vendor is John R Gaines, who will remain as Gainesway's chief executive. Gainesway was founded in 1944 by Gaines's father, Clarence, and converted into a thoroughbred operation in the mid-Sixties.

# Swinburn job

Walter Swinburn is to have a second retainer for Newmarket-based John Gosden, for whom this will be a first season training in this country. Gosden has Sheikh Mohammed as his principal owner.

Swinburn, currently riding in Hong Kong, will continue to ride as stable jockey for Michael Stoute.

# Launch shelved

The launch of Anglo-International Bloodstock plc, for which Lester Piggott was expected to act as consultant, has been postponed.

The company intends to own and manage a string of horses, divided between Susan Piggott and Bill Stubbs, one of the company's directors, but plans have been put on ice because of "an unforseen problem".

# Murphy receives 28-day ban for whipping offence

By Graham Rock

Declan Murphy, stable jockey to Barney Curley, was suspended for 28 days by the disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club yesterday following his riding of Experimenting at Lingfield Park on February 2.

The matter was referred to Portman Square by the Lingfield stewards, it being the fifth time this season that 22-year-old Murphy's riding has been brought into question by Jockey Club officials and, after yesterday's verdict, the third time he has been found guilty of an offence.

Murphy yesterday admitted improper riding under Rule 153(ii) and the committee "found that he had hit the horse with unreasonable force and frequency, with a severity which injured the horse, that he had hit the horse other than on the quarters or on the shoulder and that his use of the whip was excessive..."

However, Murphy thought the penalty, which is effective from today, "very stiff." The jockey is enjoying his best season with 18 winners, but will miss the Cheltenham festival next month unless he appeals successfully to the Jockey Club stewards, or seeks an injunction outside.

"I didn't know what punishment to expect. I thought 14 days was a big suspension last time," he added.

Curley was incensed: "It's crazy. The lad only rides for four or five months a year. It's morally wrong — all he was trying to do was win."

Curley threatened to seek a court injunction against the decision but Murphy's record this season, and his plea of guilty, make it difficult to envisage receiving more lenient treatment at another hearing.

# Reticent Curley loses his appeal

Barney Curley's appeal against a fine of £420 imposed by the Nottingham stewards was rejected at the Jockey Club yesterday, but the Newmarket trainer may take his complaint to the High Court (Graham Rock writes).

Normally, a deposit of £170 for an appeal is returned if the disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club considers that there are "good and responsible grounds" so the retention of Curley's fee suggests there was scant sympathy.

Curley was originally penalised for withdrawing Avec Coeur in a handicap hurdle on January 24, following what he described as the manipulation of the betting market before the victory of Ardbrin earlier in the afternoon.

The committee heard evidence from Curley, who was legally represented, a steward of the meeting and the Betting Intelligence Officer. It found Curley's withdrawal of Avec Coeur when fit and able to run, a wilful disregard of the interests of racegoers, and the original penalty was confirmed.

Curley, a loquacious Irishman who is no stranger to dispute at Portman Square, was surprisingly reticent. But his solicitor, Alan Walls, said: "We shall be considering a transcript of the judgement with a view to taking the matter further."

Two years ago, Curley was penalised by the Jockey Club for a conversation with Graham Bradley over that jockey's riding of Robin Goodfellow at Ascot in November, 1986. After threatening to appear before the High Court, the Jockey Club granted Curley a re-hearing, at which the original decision was reversed.

# Pipe loses race but stewards waive fine

Martin Pipe's Norman Invader was disqualified by the Jockey Club disciplinary committee yesterday because a urine sample taken after the horse's victory at Cheltenham in October was found to contain metabolites of caffeine, a prohibited substance, but responsibility was admitted by the feed manufacturers (Graham Rock writes).

The stewards, accepting that the substance had been administered unintentionally, waived any fine.

The record-breaking trainer came direct to Portman Square from Heathrow, having returned from a week's holiday in Nassau.

"We kept samples of each batch of feed and the Ebor nuts, which we have used for as long as I can remember, were proved to be contaminated. This is the first time they've landed me at Portman Square, but the manufacturers have taken full responsibility," Pipe explained.

Pipe began the day with 140 winners, but by the end of the afternoon had increased his tally to 141, Northern Invader's disqualification having been compensated for by the victories of Kabartaylar and Let Him By at Fontwell Park.

# Vagador well beaten on day of surprises

Michael Stoute's Kribensis, yet to be beaten over jumps, became an even stronger favourite for the Champion Hurdle after Vagador's dismal flop at Fontwell Park yesterday.

Vagador, now out to 16-1 from 7-1 for the Champion, started a 4-1 on chance to beat two opponents in the National Spirit Challenge Trophy but jumped moderately and looked leaden-footed as Beech Road cruised home on a tight rein to win by 20 lengths.

The Harwoods offered no excuses for Vagador, Guy stating: "He really wants a good pace." His daughter Amanda, who looks after the horse, commented: "He was beaten by a better horse on the day. We will now have to go home and think again about the Champion Hurdle."

The stewards inquired into the favourite's disappointing run, but Guy Harwood and Mark Perrett could tell them nothing. However, a dope test was ordered.

Cruising Altitude dented his pride, but not his Cheltenham prospects when crumpling on landing over the last flight with the Wolverhampton Trial Hurdle as good as won.

The 7-4 on favourite joined Merry Junior at the third-last flight, touched down first at the next, and was forging clear at the last when the mishap occurred.

He appeared to clear the obstacle perfectly, but went down on his front legs, leaving Merry Junior, who will not be going to Cheltenham, to score by 20 lengths from Dom Edino.

"It's anyone's guess why he came down. He could have crossed his feet, but I just don't know. I feel he is better suited by two miles," said his jockey, Simon Sherwood.

Brother Oliver said: "The fall is a mystery. The horse is a bit dazed at the moment and we shall have to wait and see about Cheltenham . I will probably leave it until a week before the meeting before deciding in which race he will run."

Richard Lee brought off a 5½-1 double with King Of The Lot and County Hurdle candidate Space Fair. King Of The Lot upset the odds of 7-4 laid on Positive, whom Kim Bailey had earmarked for the Arkle Trophy, by five lengths in the Chesterton Novices Chase.

## Gold Cup gamble

Carvill's Hill, trained by Jim Dreaper, was the subject of a major Cheltenham Gold Cup gamble yesterday following his convincing win at Leopardstown. He is 10-1 (from 20) with William Hill, who laid him to lose £150,000, while Corals have him at 6-1 with a run (from 12).

● Hills make Bonanza Boy, Ballyhane and Delius 9-2 joint-favourites for the *Racing Post* Handicap Chase at Kempton on Saturday.

## Fontwell results

Going: soft

1.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, KABARTAYLAR (J Lower, 5-4); 2, Arden (P Scudamore, 13-8 fav); 3, Gaelic's Rag (T Morgan, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Celtic Dove (pu), 20 Distant Relation (6th), 33 La Snaka (pu), 50 Marley Monarch (5th), Moldave, 66 Gunmetal Boy (pu), Outcast, Westcroft Lad, Mr Gee (4th), Ya Muna (pu), Zamzam. 14 ran. NR: Pair Of Queens, Reading. 6l, 15l, 15l, 5l, 12l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £3.40; £1.70, £1.30, £1.20. DF: £1.70. CSF: £5.91.

2.0 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, STERLING VIRTUE (J Lodder, 11-2); 2, Snitterfield (H Davies, 4-1 fav); 3, O K Son (Mrs J Gault, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Glen Road (ur), 6 Golden Norman (6th), 8 Maentiagh Glen (f), 10 Major Tom (4th), 12 Golden Bavard (5th), 20 Annaben, Nuns Royal (pu), 25 Baldasara (pu), 33 Playfields, 50 General Frost (pu). 13 ran. NR: Quiet Star. 6l, 15l, 8l, 5l, 3l. K Wingrove at Leamington Spa. Tote: £5.20; £1.80, £1.80, £2.80. DF: £9.80. CSF: £27.11. Tricast: £147.02. Bought in 4,100gns.

2.30 (2m 2f hdle) 1, BEECH ROAD (R Guest, 4-1); 2, Vagador (M Perrett, 1-4 fav); 3, Little Toro (S Moore, 20-1). 3 ran. 20l, 3l. G Balding at Weyhill. Tote: £4.40. DF: £1.20. CSF: £5.18.

3.0 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, LET HIM BY (P Scudamore, 2-1); 2, Mel Officer (R Dunwoody, 7-2); 3, Meartin (S McNeill, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Sunydaze (f), 14 Edenspring (5th), 25 High Bend (ur), 50 Taboons (4th). 7 ran. 15l, hd, 10l, 8l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2.70; £1.60, £1.80. DF: £8.50. CSF: £9.25. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.30 (2m 6f hdle) 1, KAMADOON (S Hodgson, 2-1); 2, Express Air (M Williams, 7-4 fav); 3, Scylla's Chip (Mr N Wheeler, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Love On The Rocks, 12 Castord Girl, 33 Fairytale-Ending (6th), Sindur (ur), Golden Sonata, 50 The Late Man (ur), Final Top (5th), Lara's Luck (4th), 66 Up At Dawn, 100 Rose Lancaster (ur). 13 ran. 10l, 4l, 5l, 8l, 12l. G Balding at Weyhill. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £1.50, £3.00. DF: £3.00. CSF: £5.38. Tricast: £19.26.

4.0 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, ROBESON (Peter Hobbs, 85-40 fav); 2, Palace Yard (G Buckley, 6-1); 3, Broken Tackle (E McKinley, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Eastern Quartet (4th), 8 River Trout (6th), 14 Buckminster Boy (5th), 66 Combined Ops (bd). 7 ran. 15l, 2l, 10l, ¾l, 25l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £2.30; £1.60, £2.50. DF: £6.40. CSF: £13.87.

4.30 (2m 2f flat) 1, RUN TO FORM (P McQuillan, 9-4 fav); 2, Oneupmanship (S Condon, 4-1); 3, Underbidder (Mr P Verling, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Brief Encounter, 8 Eventode, Miss Cheerful (ro), 14 Sparos (pu), 20 Pearly Dream (6th), 25 Ty-Shan Bay, Golden Moss (4th), 50 Idleigh's Comet, Mr Patrick, Easter Song, No Way Jose (5th), Bottle Buster, Marmion. 18 ran. NR: *Idleigh's Runon, Guilty Sparkle*. 1½l, 15l, 3l, 4l, 5l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £3.30; £1.70, £2.00, £2.50. DF: £4.80. CSF: £12.63. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £42.90.

## Wolverhampton

Going: good to soft

1.45 (2m ch) 1, KING OF THE LOT (S Smith Eccles, 15-8); 2, Positive (R Beggan, 4-7 fav); 3, Elite Boy (J Duggan, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 33-1 Up The Ladder (4th), 50-1 Willowasq (6th), Master Ralh (f), 500-1 Ruby And Sapphire (5th). 7 ran. 5l, 15l, 25l, 10l, 8l. R Lee at Presteigne. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £1.10. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.91.

2.15 (3m 1f ch) 1, WATER WAGTAIL (Mr J Greenall, 14-1); 2, Eastern Destiny (Mr A Griffith, 7-2); 3, Curaheen Boy (Mr D Naylor-Leyland, 6-5 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Macnab's Quest (ur), 9-1 Queen's Son (ur), 16-1 Post House, 20-1 Crossmoyle (4th), 33-1 Jemmy Jay (6th), Sidbury Hill (5th), 50-1 Heahould, 100-1 Arcant (pu), Jon Piper (bd), K John. 13 ran. NR: Hankir. 2l, 30l, 15l, 7l, 4l. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £7; £1.60, £2.30, £1.80. DF: £31.30. CSF: £58.90.

2.45 (3m 4f ch) 1, GLENSIDE JERRY (J Frost, 7-2); 2, Sunbeam Talbot (Mr M Armytage, 13-8 fav); 3, Edged Gold (T Wall, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 Funchon View (4th), 14-1 Queensway Boy, 16-1 Magwood, 25-1 Solarse (5th), Malford Lad (6th). 8 ran. NR: Woodlands Lad. 2l, 1l, 4l, 5l, ½l. G Balding at Weyhill. Tote: £4.80; £1.10, £1.50, £2.20. DF: £5.30. CSF: £8.73. Tricast: £88.31.

3.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, MERRY JUNIOR (D J Burchell, 11-2); 2, Dom Edino (R Marley, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 4-7 fav Cruising Altitude (f), 7-1 Anything Better (pu). 4 ran. 20l. E Owen jun at Denbigh. Tote: £5.70. DF: £14.40. CSF: £23.04.

3.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, ROYAL ATHLETE (M Pitman, 7-2); 2, Errant Knight (S Sherwood, 2-1 fav); 3, Lyne Magic (I Lawrence, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Alaoui (4th), 10-1 Monumental Lad (5th), 12-1 Stans Joy (pu), 16-1 Bill Quill (pu), 33-1 Gaelic Cherry, Ronnie Will, Loch Chastity (pu), 50-1 Artic Treasure (pu), Casino Magic, The Herds Garden (pu) Watingo (6th), Meeson Dancer. 15 ran. NR: Celtic Hymn, Celtic Ascess. 20l, 3l, 1½l, 30l, 25l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £3.80; £2, £1.30, £1.70. DF: £3.40. CSF: £10.78.

4.15 (2m hdle) 1, SPACE FAIR (W McFarland, 5-4 fav); 2, Somers Heir (A Carroll, 25-1); 3, Kings Folly (D J Burchell, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Pearly King (6th), 15-2 Colonel James (4th), 16-1 Mariner's Lad (5th), 33-1 All Agreed (pu). 7 ran. 25l, 8l, ½l, 15l, 12l. R Lee at Byton. Tote: £2.20; £1.50, £8.30. DF: £25.30. CSF: £25.34.

Placepot: £54.80


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The man in the champion's corner and the woman in the challenger's as the countdown to the fistic showdown begins

# Tyson's taskmaster and linkman

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, Las Vegas

Mike Tyson's career might be heading for another six months of turmoil now that he is being sued by Kevin Rooney, his former trainer, for $10 million for breach of contract, but that is not going to deflect the champion from his intention of walking through Frank Bruno when he defends his world heavyweight boxing title here on Saturday.

In a television interview on ESPN, the sports channel, he said: "Lawsuits are not going to hurt me in the ring. I am hostile at this moment in my life. I am just tired of everything else, I just want to fight. I'm going to knock him out."

He wore a quiet, mousy-grey suit and spoke in a soft voice, but there was something ominous in the choice of his words when asked to comment on the future challenge of Evander Holyfield, the unbeaten cruiserweight champion, who has moved up to heavyweight. "I don't want to be egotistical but let him come on. I am sure he will find the experience very stimulating."

It was one of his rare sorties from Johnny Tocco's gym downtown, where he has been pounding the daylights out of sparring partners. While Bruno has finished heavy gym work and sparring, Tyson will keep on sparring until Thursday.

Unfortunately for Bruno, Tyson's old friend, Jay Bright, from Catskill, who arrived a month ago to act as caretaker trainer, has kept the champion's mind on the task in hand with the minimum of outside distractions.

Apart from a short break to divorce his wife, Robin Givens, a television actress, Tyson has applied himself solidly. He does not believe in such a thing as over-training. "That's just excuses for lazy fighters," he said. "The more you practise, the better you get."

Nobody knows what exactly Tyson is practising in that small, whitewashed brick building that is his gym. Heavy men in black T-shirts, some of them believed to be policemen from Cleveland, guard the building. One




journalist trying to talk his way in was warned off by one of the men.

"You come from London, England?" the man asked. The journalist thought he was getting somewhere until the man said: "Well, I got two friends who can take care of your Marquess of Queensberry — Smith and Wesson."

But away from the gym, Bright does not mind talking about what Tyson is up to. "He is perfecting several moves to take out Bruno quickly," Bright said. Tyson, who is an expert analyst of boxing styles, being a keen watcher of old boxing films, has been studying videos of Bruno. "One of Michael's moves could destroy Bruno as soon as it is launched," Bright said.

He added that they had tapes of Bruno's contests with Witherspoon and Coetzee and even a video of Bruno sparring with a 14-year-old Tyson in the Catskills seven years ago. "Michael has improved tremendously since those days," Bright said. "Bruno has not improved at all.

"Michael has noticed that, when Bruno throws his punches, his chin is hanging out, like this." Bright did a passable imitation of a pelican. "He has a sparring partner as tall as Bruno and he almost took his head off with a left to the body and a right uppercut."

Bright sees himself as a link with Tyson's old days when Cus D'Amato, Tyson's legal guardian, was alive. "That's all I am. I am more that link than a trainer," Bright said. "I just talked to him about Cus's ideas. If you talk to him about the old days, he becomes a different person and receptive."

That is why Bright believes that, in spite of the $10 million claim by Rooney, a reunion with his old trainer is inevitable.

Bright admitted that the six-month lay-off had affected Tyson's sharpness but he was down to his fighting weight of 15st 5lb to 15st 7lb and added that the other day Tyson had put together a combination of six punches in under one second. Only Jose Torres had managed that many years ago under D'Amato's guidance. It was proof that Tyson was back to his old form.



Keeping on sparring: Tyson is continuing to pound the daylights out of his sparring partners

# A female literary heavyweight is rooting for Bruno

From Geoffrey Matthews
Bogotá

Frank Bruno will have an unlikely follower on Saturday. Cheering him on from Bogotá will be a middle-aged, refined, cultured and intellectual woman by the aristocratic name of of Martha Luz Madrikan de Diaz.

In short, Martha Luz is not the kind of flash, fast floozie found on the fringes of the fight game. Indeed, she is a distinguished novelist whose most recent work was runner-up in Colombia's equivalent of the Booker Prize, an achievement not to be sniffed at in a country that produced the Nobel laureate, Gabriel Garcia Márquez.

Her novel is entitled *Wife or Lover* but it was in the role of nursemaid that she found herself in 1981 after Bruno flew to Bogotá for delicate eye surgery in the city's Clinica Barraquer, one of the most renowned private clinics in South America. The treatment, which was successful, was vital to the ambitions of Bruno, then a 19-year-old amateur, to achieve the minimum eyesight standards required to turn professional.

Martha Luz, who is bilingual, was working at the clinic, her English skills employed in secretarial work and medical translations. She has recalled her memories of Bruno in a delicious chronicle in the Bogotá weekly magazine *Cromos*. "On the basis of correspondence received before the arrival of patients," she recounts, "I almost always had a preconceived idea about their physical appearance and personality. Regrettably, I must admit that generally my ideas proved mistaken.

"In Frank's case, I broke my own record. Since he was English, I imagined him as white, fair-haired, phlegmatic and with an Oxford accent . . . Instead, I encountered a black hulk who talked with the same accent as *My Fair Lady* before Professor Higgins educated her."

However, both having a keen sense of humour, they quickly became firm friends, with Bruno, totally at sea in a Spanish-speaking world, dependant on Martha Luz.

Despite the language problem, Bruno made many friends and enjoyed Bogotá's night life during his month-long stay. "In contrast to his habit of swooning like some heroine out of Alexander Dumas," Martha Luz writes, "he acquired a very extensive vocabulary of the most sonorous and vulgar words in our language, which he delighted in reciting innocently without knowing their real meaning."

Since *Cromos* revealed how local medical expertise enabled Bruno to take up professional boxing, Colombians have made him an adopted son and feel they have a personal stake in his big pay-day facing Tyson.

## Bruno is ready for King Kong

Frank Bruno has enlisted a hypnotist to help prepare him for his contest. Dr David Silverman, an American, has been consulting with him daily.

"It only takes him a minute to put me to sleep and when I wake up I feel as if I could fight King Kong, let alone Mike Tyson," Bruno said.

His final appointment will be shortly before he steps into the ring in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Terry Lawless, Bruno's manager, said: "I've never seen Frank work better in the gym than since Dr Silverman came into his life."

SKIING

# Gentle reminder from Stenmark the master

*From Iain Macleod, Lake Louise, Canada*

For those possessed of a natural sense of justice, the distribution of World Cup honours here and in Aspen, at the weekend, offered something for everybody. But if consistency brought its own reward for Marc Girardelli, of Luxembourg, and Michela Figini, of Switzerland, who secured the men's and women's downhill titles respectively, a veteran's persistance overshadowed both of them.

Ingemar Stenmark, of Sweden, undoubtedly the greatest technical skier who ever lived, offered final proof that age need be no barrier to success by crowning his final appearance in North America with the 86th World Cup win of his career.

Stenmark, without a win for two years and who will retire after the final races in Japan in two weeks' time, stole much of Girardelli's thunder in Aspen by edging him into second place in the giant slalom.

It offered Stenmark a fitting climax to what has been one of the all-time great careers in any sport; his technique is as smooth as ever and he leaves the sport he graced aware that his phenomenal record is unlikely ever to be equalled.

Girardelli, who on Friday clinched the downhill title, now seems certain to add the overall title in the next fortnight.

Girardelli extended his lead over Pirmin Zurbriggen, of Switzerland, to an almost impregnable 116 points, and in the process pulled himself back to the top of the giant slalom standings.

As the men move to Whistler, British Columbia, for the final downhill and super giant slalom races of the season, the women head for Steamboat Springs, Colorado, in the knowledge that what now remains of the season is more about pride than titles.

Here, in Lake Louise, Figini matched the splendour of her surroundings with magnificent downhill performances to beat her compatriot and great rival, Maria Walliser, into second place on consecutive days.

Walliser, the newly-crowned world champion, had to win the second downhill to ensure that the destiny of the title was not settled until the final race. That she failed to do so was no less cause for the smile on Figini's face than the coveted crystal goblet she attained for the fourth time in her career.

Figini's triumph merely served to emphasize the remarkable Swiss domination of the event. Figini, with five wins, and Walliser, with two, have taken all this season's downhill races, thus extending to 15 the consecutive number of wins enjoyed by the Swiss since the start of last season.

**GIANT SLALOM RESULTS (Aspen):** 1, I Stenmark (Swe), 2min 16.40sec; 2, M Girardelli (Lux), 2:16.52; 3, L-B Eriksson (Swe), 2:17.67; 4, T Cizman (Yug), 2:18.18; 5, M Hangl (Switz), 2:18.23; 6, A Tomba (It), 2:18.27; 7, K Wieche (US), 2:18.76; 8, M Wasmeier (WG), 2:18.83; 9, O-C Furuseth (Nor), 2:18.94; 10, K Walk (Austria), 2:19.29; 11, F Picard (Fr), 2:19.38; 12, N Henning (Swed), 2:20.13; 13, U Kastlin (Switz), 2:20.42; 14, S Robic (Yug), 2:20.48; 15, T Stangassinger (Austria), 2:20.86. **World Cup giant slalom standings:** 1, Girardelli, 59pts; 2, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 56; 3, Stenmark, 48; 4, R Nierlich (Austria), 45; 5, Tomba, 40; 6, Furuseth, 37. **Overall World Cup standings:** 1, Girardelli, 358; 2, Zurbriggen, 242; 3, Wasmeier, 154; 4, Tomba, 150; 5, H Höflehner (Austria), 114; 6, Furuseth, 98.

● Peter Young, aged 33, a blind skier, finished third in the 10km cross country race for the disabled at the world Nordic skiing championships in Lahti, Finland, last week, nine seconds behind the Swede in second place.

## SNOW REPORTS

| | Depth (cm) L | U | Conditions Piste | O/Piste | Runs to resort | Weather (5pm) | °C |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ANDORRA** | | | | | | | |
| Soldeu | 40 | 10 | fair | varied | art | fine | 6 |
| *Runs to resort still open* | | | | | | | |
| **AUSTRIA** | | | | | | | |
| Brand | 25 | 135 | fair | heavy | poor | cloud | 8 |
| *Rain-affected snow* | | | | | | | |
| Kitzbühel | 15 | 130 | fair | heavy | poor | rain | 4 |
| *Rain causing slushy skiing conditions* | | | | | | | |
| Saalbach | 40 | 160 | good | heavy | fair | rain | 3 |
| *Good skiing on north facing slopes* | | | | | | | |
| **FRANCE** | | | | | | | |
| Chamonix | 45 | 140 | fair | heavy | closed | fine | 7 |
| *Snow slushy due to Spring weather* | | | | | | | |
| Isola 2000 | 5 | 10 | worn | varied | worn | fine | 5 |
| *14 pistes open* | | | | | | | |
| Les Arcs | 15 | 60 | fair | varied | poor | fair | 0 |
| *Still some good snow to be found* | | | | | | | |
| Tignes | 40 | 140 | fair | varied | poor | fine | 6 |
| *Good skiing on higher slopes* | | | | | | | |
| Val Thorens | 60 | 160 | fair | varied | poor | fine | 0 |
| *Good skiing on upper slopes* | | | | | | | |
| **SWITZERLAND** | | | | | | | |
| Crans Montana | 10 | 55 | worn | heavy | closed | cloud | 7 |
| *Conditions worn, snow needed* | | | | | | | |
| Gstaad | 25 | 30 | fair | heavy | fair | cloud | 5 |
| *Varied skiing conditions* | | | | | | | |
| Klosters | 45 | 105 | fair | heavy | fair | thaw | 10 |
| *Good skiing on upper slopes* | | | | | | | |
| St Moritz | 10 | 20 | fair | none | closed | fine | 8 |
| *20% of runs open* | | | | | | | |
| Verbier | 0 | 130 | fair | heavy | closed | fine | 11 |
| *Good skiing on sheltered slopes* | | | | | | | |
| Wengen | 15 | 70 | fair | heavy | fair | cloud | 6 |
| *Some slush on upper slopes* | | | | | | | |

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

| AUSTRIA | L | U |
|---|---|---|
| Bad Kleinkirchheim | – | 20 |
| Igls | 20 | 150 |
| Ischgl | 20 | 150 |
| Lech | 70 | 75 |
| Mayrhofen | 5 | 85 |
| Niederau | 25 | 110 |
| Obergurgl | 70 | 75 |
| St Anton | 35 | 240 |
| Schladming | 20 | 140 |
| Seefeld | 40 | 95 |
| Söll | 20 | 80 |
| Solden | 20 | 120 |
| Westendorf | 15 | 120 |
| Zell am See | 5 | 140 |

● Information supplied by the Austrian National Tourist Office.

| SWITZERLAND | L | U |
|---|---|---|
| Adelboden | 15 | 50 |
| Andermatt | 50 | 100 |
| Arosa | 70 | 70 |
| Champéry | 0 | 30 |
| Davos | 45 | 130 |
| Engelberg | 30 | 100 |
| Grindelwald | 25 | 70 |
| Laax-Flims | 25 | 60 |
| Leysin | 5 | 30 |
| Murren | 70 | 130 |
| Pontresina | 15 | 40 |
| Saas Fee | 10 | 100 |
| Villars | 20 | 40 |
| Zermatt | 15 | 55 |

● Information supplied by the Swiss National Tourist Office.

**SCOTLAND**

Cairngorm: Snow level, 1,500ft; vertical runs, 800ft; upper runs, complete, but narrow; middle runs, almost complete, but thin and narrow; lower runs, thin cover, very limited nursery areas; access roads, open, slight snow; a few snow showers but not a great deal of improvement, runs still narrow and thin; one chairlift and two and a half tows; able to run yesterday; top base has little snow. Glenshee: Snow level, 1,500ft; vertical runs, 1,000ft; upper runs, some runs complete, but narrow; lower runs, new snow, some runs complete but narrow; access roads slight snow; two chairlifts and five tows will be operating, weather permitting. The Lecht: Snow level, 2,000ft; vertical runs, 500ft; main runs, thin cover of new snow; *beginner area, limited, new snow*; access roads, slight snow, drifting; tows in operation: three intermediate and one beginner. Glencoe: Snow level, 2,200ft; vertical runs, 500ft; upper runs, new snow, runs narrow; lower runs, some incomplete; access roads, slight snow; chairlifts access open, clothlenger closed, tows plateau open, others closed.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

RUGBY UNION: PRESSURE INCREASES TO CIRCUMVENT AMATEUR REGULATIONS

# RFU frowns on trust funds for players

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

The Rugby Football Union emphasized yesterday its support of the amateur regulations which bar any form of trust fund. "A trust fund or a deferred-payment scheme is little more than a contrived arrangement to circumvent amateur regulations — an artificial device which enables a professional to call himself an amateur," Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, said.

In recent months such schemes have been much discussed in both hemispheres and though the International Rugby Football Board has rejected change to the regulations, it may find itself faced with further discussion at the annual meeting in April if recent moves in Australia bear fruit.

"We are reaching the maximum level of the spare time we can expect people to put into the game and still maintain their full-time careers," Wood said. "The number of people who want to see players paid for playing is minuscule, but because of the high profile of the game and the money we need for various development schemes, talk comes up on rewards for players for the time they put in.

"Curiously, the league structure we have now is a system which enables players to take weekends off. There is a maximum of 11 league matches in a 35-Saturday season and the pressure in those matches has increased, but players are not expected to produce their best performance on 35 Saturdays. Similarly, coaching sessions may be more intense but they won't take up so much time.

"I don't think we are being naive about this. The essential features of our game are well worth preserving and we should indicate to the outside world why we think amateurism is so important. Our greatest asset in obtaining the sponsors we do is our amateurism."

John Simpson, the RFU president, met the England squad before the Calcutta Cup match and matters discussed included trust funds whose implications, Simpson said, may not have been properly appreciated by players, particularly within the context of a team game.

"We will always find people who want to turn the game professional, who want to take money out of it for themselves," Wood said. "The more successful rugby becomes as a spectator sport, the more we must expect this. Players who work as hard as our's do to represent their country are entitled to the best possible treatment the game can afford. We have moved a tremendous distance in that direction in looking after players better, and I would support that."

# Scots appoint cup organizer

By Alan Lorimer

Adam Robson, the former Scottish Rugby Union president, has been appointed organizer of the World Cup in Scotland, where all three matches will be played at Murrayfield. Robson, whose appointment precedes those in England and Wales, will be having talks immediately with Ray Williams, the overall director.

The SRU has also announced the appointment of Euan Kennedy, the former Scotland centre, as assistant coach to the under-18 team, which will be under the overall guidance of Hugh Campbell. Kennedy, who is yet another of Scotland's recent players to move into coaching, follows David Johnston, his Watsonian clubmate, who is involved with the under-21 team. At under-19 level John Rutherton has confirmed that he will assist Alastair Christie.

The SRU will award caps next season for the matches against Romania and Fiji. Scotland has awarded caps only for games against International Board countries but this move removes the anomaly in the case of Fiji, who are seeded higher than Scotland, England and Ireland for the next World Cup.

For the centenary match against Ireland a week on Saturday there will be a mini rugby curtain-raiser, which the SRU hope will encourage spectators to arrive early.

# Sober time for hip flask fans

The hip flask, which has for long been the companion of the rugby spectator, is under renewed attack from the Scottish Rugby Union, which has announced a drive to stamp out alcohol consumption inside its national stadium at Murrayfield (Alan Lorimer writes).

All the big football grounds are covered by the law which prohibits the consumption of alcohol inside such stadiums. Yesterday Bill Hogg, the SRU secretary, added that they are concerned "not only about alcohol but also about the containers" which they believe are occasionally being thrown during matches, with a consequent risk of injury to other spectators. Hogg revealed that in the match against Wales last month two men were escorted from the ground by police for contravening the law in Scotland, which is different from that which applies in England and Wales.

On the matter of player indiscipline, Hogg said that the underlying trend is downward, although the figures to February 4 show 116 sendings-off, compared with 107 in the same period last season. However, in January of last year there were a large number of games postponed because of bad weather conditions and this may account for the gap.

Referring to disciplinary problems surrounding West of Scotland, Hogg said that top SRU officials had visited the Burnbrae club and had obtained a reassurance that it would exert greater control over its members, five of whom have already been sent off this season.

# Final gets royal approval

The Duke of Edinburgh, who is the patron of the Cornwall Rugby Union, will attend the final of the Toshiba county championship at Twickenham on April 1, when Cornwall play Durham (David Hands writes). It will be the third occasion this season that a member of the royal family has attended a Twickenham match, Prince Edward having been the guest of honour at England v Australia and the Princess Royal at England v Scotland.

In respect of the game's development, the RFU is to hold a conference for directors of recreation and leisure on the weekend of the Pilkington Cup final, April 28 and 29.

The RFU has also made a promotional video available free to affiliated clubs. It is designed to encourage greater liaison between clubs and schools for the introduction of rugby.

# Romanian fitness coach defects

By a Special Correspondent

Florentin Marinescu, the Romanian martial arts expert, has defected to France. Marinescu, a five dan in both karate and jujitsu, and a four dan black belt in judo, was co-ordinator of martial arts in Romania and fitness coach to the Romanian rugby team.

He took over as fitness coach of Romania after a series of humiliating defeats at the hands of France, Italy and the Soviet Union. Within two months of taking over, he brought Romania to a level where they nearly beat France in Bucharest and to an historic win over Wales in Cardiff.

He introduced martial arts patterns to the daily routine of the Romanian squad, aimed at increasing concentration, developing the mobility and sharpening up the reflexes. He taught the players traditional Japanese techniques for improving both the aerobic and anaerobic threshhold and for relaxation.

Marinescu developed his unconventional techniques of team fitness while working with the European football club champions, Steaua Bucharest. He took over as fitness coach in 1984 and helped Steaua win both the European Cup and the Super Cup.

He worked with the army football team for about 2½ years and then changed to rugby.

After the Romanian win in Cardiff the Romanian Rugby Federation had asked him to become the fitness adviser to all Romanian squads. But he turned down the offer.

Marinescu decided to defect while on a trip to Paris with his wife. He left behind his daughter, aged 16, and son, three, whom he hopes to bring to France once the authorities grant him political asylum.

SWIMMING

# New era awaits a change of format

From Steven Downes, Venice

At the end of this week, following the eighth and final meeting at Barnet, north London, the winners of the 12 categories in the inaugural World Cup will receive a crystal globe trophy. Meanwhile, in the two-hour televised event tonight at Rozzano, near Milan, there is nearly $10,000 in prize-money for 24 invited competitors who, between them, will swim just 16 races, all of only 50 metres.

In those events lie the choices which face swimming at the end of its first winter season of the World Cup: whether to continue along the "old style" of gala, with large entries gained through heats and finals, with low-value tokens as prizes; or to adopt the more dynamic approach, with large money prizes (as is possible under new international rules) in elite meetings which are attractive to sponsors and television.

This week's World Cup competition in Barnet conforms to old swimming principles. Less than half of the four-day meeting will be shown on television, despite its status as "the World Cup final". No sponsor could be found until less than a month ago, when the *Daily Telegraph* put up an undisclosed sum, thought to be in five figures and certainly far less than the event's potential market value.

Initiatives such as the World Cup and the British Grand Prix have been qualified successes this winter, helping to modernize the sport. According to Trevor Tiffany, the Canadian official who has supervised the World Cup, eight meetings have already been lined up for the 1989-90 series, and each is being asked for a $20,000 "entry fee" which would mainly go towards funding series prizes.

The prospect of more streamlined meetings offering prize-money is one that is acceptable to the leading swimmers. Nick Gillingham, the winner of the 200m breaststroke in Venice on Sunday, welcomed the idea, while Mike Fibbens, the 100 metres freestyle winner, wants to know why he has not been invited to Rozzano.

Indeed, even Wolfgang Richter, the chief coach of East Germany, while emphasizing the importance of championship preparation, has embraced the World Cup concept.

VOLLEYBALL

# No coach in sight for women

By Roddy Mackenzie

Scotland would appear to be no nearer finding a coach for the national senior women's team, two months after Bob Stokes resigned from the post. With Scotland having confirmed that they will compete in the British championships in Belfast in June, they will be looking for someone to take over as soon as possible as the squad has not trained together since early December.

No one has been interviewed for the post and there are few candidates although Vince Krawczyk, the coach to the women's champions, Kyle, has expressed an interest. Scotland had intended travelling to the Pullman Cup in Luxembourg but when the event was moved from December to February, they were not able to go.

The national women's squad has suffered from lack of funding in recent seasons but they did win the British title in the only year they competed (1987) and they need a long-term strategy.

On the domestic front north of the border, Team Fife have appealed against a decision by the Scottish Volleyball Association to award the points from a recent match against Elliott Sports Jets to the opposition after Fife could not raise a team for the fixture.

The match is crucial to the men's first division relegation issue. Fife eased their relegation worries by coming from two sets down to defeat East Kilbride in five sets last Thursday but then tripped up again on Saturday when they lost 15-10, 15-11, 15-9 to Bon Accord, the bottom club.

In the Royal Bank-sponsored English league at the weekend, both of the men's first division title challengers, Star Aquila and Malory, had narrow 3-2 wins over Staffordshire Moorlands and Capital City respectively.

Time Out Spark moved clear of immediate relegation danger by beating Bradford Mythbreakers 15-5, 15-4, 15-8.

In the women's first division, Brixton Knights stretched their lead at the top with a comfortable 15-4, 15-10, 15-10 win over Southsea Scorpions.

ICE HOCKEY

# Cardiff are closer to promotion

By a Special Correspondent

Cardiff Devils took a big step towards achieving their ambition of premier division status with an 8-5 victory away to Medway Bears, their only rivals for the first division title.

Jeff Smith, Cardiff's first choice goaltender, arrived late and, before he could take over from his deputy, the home team had taken a 4-0 lead. In the second and third periods, however, Cardiff gradually took command, thanks largely to two of their Canadian players. While Shannon Hope dominated the defensive zone, the first division's leading scorer, Steve Morin, played a part in seven of the Welsh club's goals, scoring five himself.

With three games to play, Cardiff have 38 points, seven more than Medway, who have played three games fewer. The first division champions will have one more hurdle to clear, a play-off against the bottom premier division club, almost certainly Streatham Redskins.

Murrayfield Racers have taken a two-point lead at the top of the premier division. During the course of their highly entertaining 8-8 game at Whitley, Tony Hand, the outstanding British player of his generation, registered his 1,000th point in the Heineken League. Hand, who has never won the individual scoring championship, now has 181 points this season, four ahead of Rick Brebant.

Durham Wasps, having recovered from the shock of their home defeat by Whitley Warriors in midweek, won 11-6 away to Peterborough Pirates to keep up the pressure on the Edinburgh club.

After winning eight consecutive games, Nottingham Panthers saw their faint hopes of finishing at the top of the league all but vanish on an unsuccessful trip to Scotland.

**RESULTS: Heineken League: Premier division:** Ayr 9, Streatham 5; Fife 6, Nottingham 3; Whitley 8, Murrayfield 8; Ayr 4, Fife 6; Murrayfield 14, Streatham 3; Peterborough 8, Durham 11; Solihull 7, Whitley 7; Tayside 7, Nottingham 6. **First division:** Cleveland 16, Sunderland 4; Swindon 9, Slough 11; Telford 12, Deeside 6; Lee Valley 5, Richmond 11; Medway 5, Cardiff 8; Romford 7, Trafford 10.

SQUASH RACKETS

# Gregory's date with Jansher is for real

By Colin McQuillan

Paul Gregory, a young England player who has yet to feature in the world top 60 rankings removed Stuart Hailstone, the world No. 15, from the East of England Championship semi-finals, late on Sunday evening at the Oasis Club, Norwich, to earn a final place against Jansher Khan of Pakistan.

Jansher, the world No. 2, is fighting below his weight in this regional tournament where the sponsors, Robinsons Autoservices, are offering a £6,000 prize fund to relaunch an event missing from the European calendar for seven years. By reaching the final without dropping a game, he now meets one from his regular queue of sparring partners in an average day at Stripes Club in London.

"I try not to play at full pace against Jansher in friendlies because it is dispiriting to lose constantly at your best," Gregory, aged 20, commented wryly after accounting for the second seed, a Scottish-registered South African, 9-7, 7-9, 9-5, 9-5 in 67 minutes. Earlier the fourth seed, Bryan Beeson, fell to Damian Walker, another of the young England squad.

In the women's tournament Suzanne Horner, the Yorkshire champion who often suffers from lack of regular top-flight exposure, toppled the top seed Robyn Lambourne, of Australia, 5-9, 7-9, 9-6, 9-6, 9-4 in 69 minutes to reach a final against Lucy Soutter.

Soutter, a former junior world champion and British number one now approaching her 22nd birthday, has dominated the women at Norwich and needed just 24 minutes to dismiss Robyn Belford of Australia from the semi-final.

**RESULTS: Semi-finals: Men:** Jansher Khan (Pak) bt Z Jahan (Pak), 9-1, 10-8, 9-2; P Gregory (Eng) bt S Hailstone (Scot), 9-7, 7-9, 9-5, 9-7. **Women:** S Horner (Eng) bt R Lambourne (Aus), 5-9, 7-9, 9-6, 9-6, 9-4; L Soutter (Eng) bt R Belford (Aus), 9-2, 9-1, 9-0.

STUDENT SPORT

# Prolific Panovka helps England carry the day

By Mike Lamb

The English Universities basketball team once again proved itself a class above the rest by winning the British Universities title at Bath over the weekend with relative ease.

England dominated the tournament for the third successive year with Steve Panovka, a Manchester student who plays in the National League for Olympic City, scoring 127 points in their five matches.

In a repeat of last year's final, Scotland offered the sternest opposition, containing the English lead to just four points shortly before half-time. But even they could not restrain the prolific Panovka and his captain, Steve Darlow, who scored 93 points in the series, as England romped home 86-70.

On the way to the final, the Scottish No. 14, Rob Blanchard, of Stirling, nearly matched Panovka's scoring rate with 100 points in four games, the Scots having one fewer match by virtue of the draw.

Oxford and Cambridge met in the play-off for third place and, as in last year's University match, Oxford who triumphed, their captain, Mike Erdos, being outstanding in a 96-81 victory. The teams will meet again on March 5 for their annual fixture. Cambridge will have the home advantage.

The representative British Universities team will play in the British Students Endsleigh triangular challenge, against the Polytechnics and Colleges at Loughborough University on March 12.

**RESULTS: Final: England 86, Scotland 70. Semi-finals:** Scotland 83, Cambridge 71; England 81, Oxford 65. **Play Offs:** 3rd/4th place: Oxford 96, Cambridge 81. 5th/6th place: Northern Ireland 93, Wales 71.

**ENGLAND:** S Darlow, S Panovka, D Roper, R Parker, M Barker, M Stanley, E Gaynor, P Kent, A Lampeter, L Dandolsky.

**SCOTLAND:** A McCartney, S Duff, J Whitaker, G Duncan, H Perrett, I Vivash, R McDowell, S Mank, T Shields, J Muir, D [illegible]

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FOOTBALL: ARSENAL HAVE NO SELECTION WORRIES BUT TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR MUST REPLACE SUSPENDED PAIR

# Best friends face up to vital games with contrast in outlooks

By Dennis Signy

While George Graham, the Arsenal manager, goes into tonight's match away to Coventry City with the buffer of a four-point lead at the top of the first division, his close friend, Terry Venables, faces second-placed Norwich City at White Hart Lane with some grounds for apprehension.

The task is probably fiercer for Venables, whose expensively constructed Tottenham Hotspur side have yet to win a match this year. Arsenal are unbeaten in 11 league games since November 26. Spurs are only three points ahead of Sheffield Wednesday and the relegation places. They are one of the four London sides in the bottom six.

While Graham was able to announce that the 13 players who achieved a 0-0 draw at Queen's Park Rangers on Saturday would again be on duty at Coventry, Venables named 15 players in his squad but declined to give clues as to his line-up.

Fenwick and Stewart, who cost Tottenham £2 million in transfer fees, miss both tonight's game and Saturday's visit to Southampton because of two-match suspensions for amassing 21 disciplinary points. Walsh and Thomas look the likely replacements but Venables could include Samways, Robson, Moncur, Fairclough or Mohamed Ali Amar.

Nayim, as he is popularly known, and Robson were in the starting formation and both scored when Tottenham beat IFK Gothenburg 3-0 on Saturday in a friendly match at their training ground at Mill Hill. The match, originally scheduled for White Hart Lane, was switched because of last week's heavy rain and weather forecasts suggesting further downpours. The need to preserve the pitch for tonight was the priority.

Despite a dismal record in his 15 months at Tottenham of only 12 wins in 47 league games, Venables yesterday denied any tension in the camp. "We are quietly confident about the Norwich game," he said, in spite of his tribute to the visitors, who include three former Tottenham players. "They play good football, they are good to watch and they are good for the game. I would say we are under no illusions. They've got one of the best away records in the league."

Dave Stringer, the Norwich manager, hoping to narrow the gap with Arsenal, yesterday warned his side against complacency. "We cannot afford to go into the game thinking we are favourites" he said. "Tottenham have some very good players so, if we think like that, we could be upset."

Coventry, meanwhile, have a doubt about their Welsh international, David Phillips, who aggravated a calf strain in the reserves last week and has only a slim chance of regaining his position at left back from the local youngster, Tony Dobson.

There is also a doubt about Lloyd McGrath, who is under treatment for a muscle strain. David Speedie, Coventry's top scorer, will return to the side after a two-match suspension during which Coventry failed to maintain their momentum. They dropped five points from games against Middlesbrough and Newcastle United.

Millwall, with four defeats in the last five matches, entertain Middlesbrough tonight. They will be without the services of Hurlock, their midfield driving force, who starts a two-match suspension and is replaced by Morgan. Having slumped from third place to seventh and lost three successive home matches, Millwall hope to start arresting the slide tonight against mid-table opposition.

Like Coventry, who they face at the Den on Saturday, Millwall need the points to keep up with the pack chasing Arsenal and Norwich at the top. Davenport is set to return to the Middlesbrough attack after completing a three-match ban.



Thomas: may come in for the suspended Fenwick in Tottenham's defence against Norwich

## Coyle names his squad

By George Ace

The Irish League team to meet Hibernian at Easter Road on March 6 will be chosen from the squad of 16 that was announced yesterday by Roy Coyle, the Linfield manager, who is in charge. The match is part of the build-up to the League's tour of the United States later this year, when they will meet the Polish and American national sides.

IRISH LEAGUE: G Dunlop (Linfield); M Keenan (Portadown), T McMullan (Larne), I Curliss (Portadown), P Byrne (Glenavon), T Moore (Glentoran), S Brown (Bangor), R Wade (Coleraine), W Caskey (Glentoran), P Murray (Cliftonville), G McCartney (Glentoran), J Cleary (Glentoran), S Burrows, S Baxter, G O'Boyle, M McGaughey (all Linfield).

● Tommy Jackson, the Glentoran manager, who has had more than his share of injured players this season, will probably draft McGreevy into defence for the Budweiser Cup second-leg game against Crusaders at Seaview tonight.

Neill is out with back and whiplash injuries following a car crash.

● The two second-round FAI Cup games that were postponed on Sunday will take place tomorrow and Thursday. Limerick City will meet Drogheda United at Rathbane tomorrow (3.15) and Longford Town play Athlone Town at Abbeycarton on Thursday (3.15). The replay between Finn Harps and Bray Wanderers takes place at Carlisle Grounds tomorrow (2.45).

## Sterland told he is staying

By Martin Searby and Ian Ross

Ron Atkinson, the new Sheffield Wednesday manager, is refusing to allow his England full back, Mel Sterland, to sign for Rangers.

Graeme Souness, Atkinson's opposite number, is not prepared to release either Kevin Drinkell or Ray Wilkins, the former England midfield player, as part of a deal worth £750,000 and Sterland has been told he must stay at Hillsborough.

Atkinson has also rejected a bid of £425,000 from Celtic for Siggi Jonsson, the Icelandic international. "No one will be allowed to leave here unless it is in the best interests of Sheffield Wednesday," Atkinson said.

The chances of Wayne Clarke, the Everton forward, joining Wednesday's fight for first division survival have receded. Atkinson had intimated over the weekend that he would be willing to pay £450,000 for Clarke, who has been seeking a move away from Goodison Park for the past three months.

But although Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, is willing to allow Clarke to leave, he said yesterday that he would be unable to sanction any transfer until after he had secured a suitable replacement.

"I cannot afford to let anyone go at the moment. My players are fully aware of the situation. If I can find someone who I feel will improve my senior squad, then the situation may well change," he said.

Following the departure of Adrian Heath to Espanol late last year, Clarke is now the only recognized deputy to Everton's two first choice forwards, Graeme Sharp and Tony Cottee.

SNOOKER

# Bales casts aside his difficulties to scrape through

By Steve Acteson

Roger Bales, who supplements his meagre earnings as a snooker professional by working part-time as a casino manager, yesterday earned at least £3,390 by defeating Steve Newbury of Wales 5-3 to reach the fourth round of the Anglian Windows British Open in Derby.

Since October 1987 Bales has won only one match in 14 attempts — to qualify for Derby — and, after going 4-2 in front yesterday, he must have doubted he could win again when Newbury, ranked 35 places higher as world No. 25, recovered from 71-23 in arrears with the help of 19 penalty points to win the seventh frame on the black.

A break of 72 helped Bales over the winning line, however, before he said: "I split up with my wife two years ago, which didn't help, but things have been getting so bad that I was considering giving up the game altogether before my coach, Ken Garlick, put me back on the right track five months ago. Now I am playing a thousand times better — it didn't matter if I won or lost today."

He next plays Mike Hallett, the newly-crowned English champion, who recovered from 3-1 behind to beat Nigel Gilbert 5-3, helped by first aid breaks of 65, 55, 33 and 77 to swing the match round.

Dennis Taylor, of Ireland, will never forget the deciding black with which he defeated Steve Davis in the 1985 World Final, nor will he forget the one with which Colin Roscoe, ranked 67th in the world, sent him out in the third round on Monday night, winning 5-4 from 3-0 in arrears.

Taylor seemed to have played an inch-perfect safety shot but Roscoe sank it off three cushions before saying: "I feel sorry for Dennis because he thought it was a fluke but the shot was on."

Alex Higgins, who won the Irish National title on Friday despite still playing on one leg because of a broken left foot, also reached the fourth round

RESULTS: Third round: D Morgan (Wales) bt E Charlton (Aus) 5-3, M Clark (Eng) bt D Taylor (Eng) 5-2; M Hallett (Eng) bt N Gilbert (Eng) 5-3, R Bales (Eng) bt S Newbury (Wales) 5-3; D O'Kane (NZ) bt A Jones (Eng) 5-4; C Roscoe (Wales) bt D Taylor (NI) 5-4, A Meo (Eng) bt M Bennett (Wales) 5-1; P Francisco (SA) bt J Campbell (Aus) 5-2; B West (Eng) bt I Graham (Eng) 5-1; A Chappel (Wales) bt S James (Eng) 5-3; E Hughes (Eire) bt W Jones (Wales) 5-2; A Higgins (NI) bt R Foldvari (Aus) 5-1.

CRICKET

## Australian horizons lure Hick

By Simon Wilde

**South Australia and Queensland are the latest teams who are seeking to acquire the services of Graeme Hick, the Worcestershire batsman, who has scored almost 4,000 first-class runs in the past 10 months. The state sides have made their approaches after Hick, who has been playing for Northern Districts in New Zealand and who is presumably looking for fresh fields to conquer, expressed a desire to play for an Australian state next winter.**

**Queensland are believed to be front-runners as they are sponsored by the Carphone Group, who also back Worcestershire, Hick's county side. The Group was instrumental in Ian Botham, another Worcestershire player, moving to Brisbane two years ago, although his career there was shortlived.**

**Hick, aged 22, is expected to travel to Brisbane in April, when he will join up with his Worcestershire colleagues. They are to play a four-day match against the state in the middle of a short tour of the Far East. No decision will be made by either state until the end of the Australian season in late March, but whoever Hick joins, he might be expected to play for them for two seasons before completing his qualification for England in March 1991.**

**After dominating much of the season, Hick and Northern Districts failed at the last hurdle to win the Shell Trophy at the weekend. But from his eight matches with the side, he finished with 1,228 runs**

GOLF

## O'Meara making his move

From John Ballantine
La Jolla, California

The unexpected but not unwelcome victory of Greg Twiggs in the San Diego Open here has left the leading positions on the money list undisturbed. Mark Calcavecchia still leads with $358,952 (about £204,000) with Steve Jones in second place on $347,375.

Sandy Lyle, who will compete in the $1.3 million Doral Ryder Open, which starts in Miami on Thursday, is happy to know that he still lies third with $269,845. The only significant difference while he has been resting at Wentworth for a fortnight is that Mark O'Meara, who finished joint-second here to win $46,200, has moved strongly up to his shoulder with a total of $240,700.

Twiggs's win made a nice change. The Californian, aged 28, stands 6ft 2ins and weighs 15st 7lb so, naturally, the other golfers call him "Twiggy".

He finished 52nd to take last place in the qualifying school in November, having lost his card, and now that he has won an important tournament it will be very interesting to see where he goes from here.

The next four tournaments, in Florida, carry combined prize-money of $4.25 million.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (US unless stated): 271: G Twiggs, 68, 70, 64, 69. 273: S Elkington (Aus), 70, 63, 67, 73; M Wiebe, 68, 65, 70, 70; M O'Meara, 68, 67, 72, 66; B Faxon, 67, 69, 69, 68. 274: D Forsman, 73, 64, 70, 67; S Randolph, 71, 69, 66, 68; J McCormish, 68, 69, 67, 70. 275: P Blackmar, 69, 68, 70, 68; J Cook, 70, 68, 69, 68; D Waldorf, 68, 69, 69, 69. 276: D Rummells, 68, 66, 73, 69; J Adams, 71, 68, 68, 69; J Miller, 69, 69, 66, 72; F Couples, 68, 69, 68, 71.

YACHTING

# Services on a learning curve

By Barry Pickthall

It is 16 years since the joint services last had an entry in the Whitbread Round the World race. Sailing Adventure, their Nicholson 55 yacht, in the first of these global marathons, a crew representing all three services lost to Ramón Carlin, the Mexican washing machine magnate, after a broken rudder, coupled with the over-zealous attentions of HMS Endurance, the Royal Navy's guard ship, cost them the overall handicap prize.

Four races later and the services are back in action with an 80ft maxi, purpose-built to win line honours, thanks to the benevolence of a West German financier who is underwriting the £3 million campaign. This time, nothing is being left to chance.

Computers have been called on to analyse the weather, the boat and even the crew and, having fired the sixth round of a nine-gun salute through Adventure's sails, the Endurance crew are under orders to point their gun the other way, should they meet at Cape Horn again. It took Adventure's crew a day to sew up the sails.

The Martin Francis-designed maxi was lifted from her builder's shed on Sunday and towed to Moody's yard on the Hamble for final fitting out in readiness for her naming by the Duke of Edinburgh at a ceremony alongside HMS Belfast on the Thames on March 7. She also will have to be reoptimized as a result of yesterday's ruling which could adversely affect their preparations.

Her crew complement, down to a shortlist of 45 from the original 400 volunteers, will be led by three skippers: Lt Col Frank Esson, serving with the Army Air Corps, Lt Cdr Tony Hyhams (Royal Navy) and Flt Lt John Best (RAF).

Best is the only member of the crew with any previous experience of maxi racing, having sailed aboard Nirvana and Windward Passage, two American yachts, as well as Peter de Savary's Victory during the 1983 America's Cup. The afterguard fully realize that the lack of experience among the rest of the crew could be their weakest link.

"We are calling in big boat experts to help bring us up to speed and train the crew," Maj Peter Scholfield, the project director, said yesterday. One of these will be Serge Guilhamou, the skipper of another maxi in Klaus Hebden's West German stable, who will also compete in the race

The crew intend to spend as much time as possible at sea, making a double crossing of the Atlantic, joining in a return race in June against Fisher and Paykel, the New Zealand maxi, Merit, the Swiss entry, NCB Ireland and Rothmans, Britain's other maxi entrant.

"Every day we are at sea, we will be climbing the learning curve," Best said, but by the time they have competed in the Whitbread maxi series, Cowes Week and the Fastnet classic, he expects to have a crew as experienced as the rest.

Ten or more of the 15-strong crew will be changed at each of the five stop-overs but all three skippers will compete on the first leg, and key personnel such as watch captains and navigators will be rolled over from one leg to another

The team also includes two women: Mandy Gallow, an air traffic controller from RAF Waddington and Liz Nicholson, the daughter of Iain Nicholson, the yacht designer, who is a trained sailmaker and whose brother Richard is also in the crew. How will they fit in to this steamy man's world, I asked cautiously?

"They are already living in a man's environment competing with their peers. They were chosen on ability alone," Esson said.

Skippers: Lt Col Frank Esson (Army), Flt Lt John Best (RAF), Lt Cdr Tony Higham (Navy). Navigators: Lt Cdr Leonard Wardin (Navy), Maj Tony Singer (Army), Lt Michael Broughton (Navy). Watch Leaders: Maj Peter Scholfield (Army), CPO John Giblett (Army), Flt Lt Latimer Clark (RAF), Sqd Ldr Anthony Childers (RAF).

MARK PEPPER



Squad members at Lymington: Lt Col Frank Esson (in front) with, from left, Maj Peter Schofield, Mandy Gallow, Flt Lt John Best, Maj Tony Singer and CPO Alan Bishop

## Crews protest against rule change

By Barry Pickthall

**British and Irish entrants in the Whitbread Round the World race were "stunned" yesterday by a decision taken by the race organizers to uphold an earlier change of mind and hold the race under last year's rules, without putting the case to an independent jury.**

**The services' entry launched at the weekend, NCB Ireland and Rothmans, the British maxi nearing completion in Devon, led the majority of maxi entries in protesting at the Royal Naval Sailing Association's decision in January to revert to last year's inaccurate measurement rule, after four crews with Bruce Farr designs built last year, claimed that the 1989 changes made their boats out of class.**

**Rear Admiral Charles Williams, chairman of the race committee, had promised to put the matter before an independent jury, but in a statement yesterday, he said that the decision properly rests with the race committee.**

**Speaking on behalf of the Irish challengers, who now face a bill in excess of £50,000 to modify their entry to last year's specifications, Philip Tolhurst, their lawyer, suggested yesterday that the controversy is likely to rumble on.**

**"By not putting this before a jury, which would have settled the matter once and for all, the committee has left itself open to a protest at any time up to the start in September," he said.**

**Rothmans, whose launching in April is now expected to be delayed while a new keel is cast to bring their boat up to last year's specifications, are equally perturbed. Mike Pavitt, the project manager, said: "We don't mind what rule we race under, we just want it settled, and every day this argument goes on is a day less in the water.**

**"The statement from the committee is ambiguous, to say the least, and we will need greater clarification about the measurement checks they intend to make on each boat before we can decide what to do next."**

**The association's decision, however, will be welcomed by Steinlager II and Fisher and Paykel, the two New Zealand ketch-rigged entries, which would have required significant alterations**

CYCLING

## Federation to liaise with police

The British Cycling Federation has drawn up a code of conduct for big road races for consideration by the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), Jim Hendry, the Federation's chief executive, said yesterday (Peter Bryan writes).

ACPO is the body which pioneered the installation of a 15-strong "national" squad of police outriders to control traffic during international races like the Milk Race and the Kellogg's Tour of Britain which allows a "rolling" closure of roads during the passage of riders.

Before ACPO's involvement two years ago, the degree of police presence was decided at local level. The proposed code may also form the basis of recommendations for policing some of the 1,400 road events in England and Wales which do not have international status.

The Federation is offering to meet Hampshire Police where the year's first race had to be abandoned last Sunday week after being stopped by Fareham Police, who had claimed that riders in the Perf's Pedal race had strayed across the centre white line. Officials were later shown a video of sections of the event taken from a spotter plane.

MOTOR RACING

# Bailey assumes an understudy role

By Andrew Longmore

"Has helmet, will travel" could be the motto for Julian Bailey when the Formula One season starts in Rio next month.

Bailey's final hope of finding a vacant seat on the grid seemed to have vanished last week when Gabriele Tarquini was confirmed as the only driver for the Italian-based First team but Bailey is not so easily deterred. At his own expense, he intends to travel to every Grand Prix this season with his helmet and his overalls — just in case.

He estimates it will cost him at least £15,000 but if he picks up a chance drive it will be money well invested.

"I know it sounds crazy just waiting in the wings but if I don't, someone else will," he said. "I am determined to get back into Formula One."

Bailey had an unhappy first season in Formula One with Tyrrell last year and was replaced in the close season by Michele Alboreto, but despite not having a regular Grand Prix drive, he is in for a busy season.

He has already signed to drive for Nissan in the World Sportscar Championship, a route which the world sports car champion, Martin Brundle, took back into the big time, and he is considering a firm offer from a Formula One team to be a Test driver.

"I am looking forward to the Nissan programme, which is a no holds barred effort to win. That's my style," Bailey said.

## Piquet fractures a rib

The former world champion, Nelson Piquet, is in hospital in Italy for observation following an accident on board his yacht, Pilar Rossi, on Sunday (John Blunsden writes). The Camel Lotus team leader, who took delivery of the yacht at Viareggio last week, slipped on deck and suffered a bad fracture of a rib.

It is hoped that his injury will not prevent him from taking part in the season's opening race, the Brazilian Grand Prix, on March 26, but it will almost certainly undermine his fitness for one of the most exhausting of all the Formula One races.

Piquet is due in Rio on March 13 to begin testing the team's Lotus Grand Prix challenger, the Lotus-Judd 101.

NORDIC SKIING

## Finn outjumps Finn

Lahti (Reuter) — Jari Puikkonen, of Finland, upstaged his fellow-Finn, Matti Nykanen, the triple Olympic gold medal-winner, to win the 90-metre high hill ski jumping at the world championships here yesterday.

Puikkonen, aged 29, who had never before won an important individual gold medal, came from second place after the opening jump to snatch victory from the first-round leader, Jens Weissflog, of East Germany, who claimed the silver. Nykanen finished third after leaving himself with too much to do after a first leap which was mediocre by his own exalted standards.

A packed crowd went wild as Puikkonen danced with joy under the floodlights at Lahti's ski jumping stadium. He has won medals at each of the last three Olympics.

His opening jump of 113.5 metres was only one metre short of Weissflog's first effort. Nykanen produced the best jump of the second round with 108.5 metres. But it was not enough to stop Puikkonen, whose 107 metres was four metres better than Weissflog, the former Olympic champion, could achieve.

## FOR THE RECORD

### ATHLETICS

SARDINIA: International 11km cross country: Men: 1, G Staines (GB), 32min 17sec; 2, C Patricio (Port), 32:56; 3, S Antibo (It), 33:01; 4, S Bernardini (It), 33:10; 5, F Mamede (Port), 33:18. Women (4.4km): 1, Y Murray (GB), 14min 23sec; 2, M Bochonneau (Switz), 14:33; 3, I Moretti (Switz), 14:35; 4, A Tooby (GB), 14:43.

### BADMINTON

GRAND PRIX RANKINGS: Men: 1, P Hoyer-Larson (Den), 340 pts; equal 2, M Frost (Den), 300, Yang Yang (China), 300; 4, I Frederiksen (Den), 265; 5, F Kok Keong (Malaysia), 260; equal 6, S Baddeley (GB), A Kusuma (Indo), 240; equal 8, E Kurniawan (Indo), J Nierhoff (Den), 200; 10, L Zhiheng (China), 180. Women: 1, T Juihong (China), 440; 2, C Magnusson (Swe), 420; 3, H Hua (China), 400; equal 4, Li Lingwei (China), S Susanti (Indo), 300; 6, S Wan (China), 225; 7, K Larsen (Den), 200; 8, E Coene (Neth), 175; 9, J Munday (Eng), 170; equal 10, Lee Chen-Mei (Taiwan), P Nedergaard (Den), 160.

### BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Chicago Bulls 108, Milwaukee Bucks 106; Los Angeles Lakers 119, Boston Celtics 110; Miami Heat 124, Atlanta Hawks 115.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

| Atlantic division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York Knicks | 34 | 17 | .667 | — |
| Philadelphia 76ers | 28 | 22 | .560 | 5½ |
| Boston Celtics | 23 | 27 | .460 | 10½ |
| Washington Bullets | 19 | 30 | .388 | 14 |
| New Jersey Nets | 19 | 32 | .373 | 15 |
| Charlotte Hornets | 14 | 37 | .275 | 20 |
| Central division | | | | |
| Cleveland Cavaliers | 38 | 12 | .760 | — |
| Detroit Pistons | 33 | 14 | .702 | 3½ |
| Milwaukee Bucks | 31 | 17 | .646 | 6 |
| Atlanta Hawks | 31 | 20 | .608 | 7½ |
| Chicago Bulls | 29 | 20 | .592 | 8½ |
| Indiana Pacers | 11 | 38 | .224 | 26½ |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| Midwest division | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Houston Rockets | 31 | 18 | .633 | — |
| Utah Jazz | 31 | 20 | .608 | 1 |
| Dallas Mavericks | 26 | 22 | .542 | 4½ |
| Denver Nuggets | 26 | 25 | .510 | 6 |
| San Antonio Spurs | 13 | 36 | .265 | 18 |
| Miami Heat | 7 | 42 | .143 | 24 |
| Pacific division | | | | |
| Los Angeles Lakers | 34 | 16 | .680 | — |
| Phoenix Suns | 32 | 17 | .653 | 1½ |
| Seattle SuperSonics | 31 | 19 | .620 | 3 |
| Golden State Warriors | 28 | 20 | .583 | 5 |
| Portland Blazers | 25 | 23 | .521 | 8 |
| Sacramento Kings | 14 | 35 | .286 | 19½ |
| Los Angeles Clippers | 11 | 40 | .216 | 23½ |

### REAL TENNIS

SEACOURT, Hayling Island: Seacourt Silver Racquet: Quarter-finals: J Male bt K Sheldon, 6-5, 5-6, 6-2; P Brake bt M Happell, 6-0, 3-6, 6-3; C Lumley bt A Oliver, 6-4, 6-3; N Danby bt N Wood, 3-6, 6-5, 6-5. Semi-finals: Male bt Brake, 2-6, 6-4, 6-0; Lumley bt Danby, 6-3, 6-4. Final: Male bt Lumley, 6-3, 6-3.

### BOXING

JAKARTA: President's Cup: Finals: Pin-weight: M Sulan (Indo) bt E Kahlung (Indo). Bronzes: F Sharma Nepal and S Siregar (Indo). Light-fly: Yang Suk Jin (S Kor) bt Faisal (Indo). Bronzes: C Sasakul (Thai) and I Kazim (USSR). Fly: Lee Cheng-huen (S Kor) bt S Mupono (Indo). Bronzes: Zhu Ningbai (China) and S Ivmin (Indo). Bantam: Cho In-jo (S Kor) bt A Mirgazi (USSR). Bronzes: E Younen (Aus) and P Poothaoat (Thai). Feather: M Leweherila (Indo) bt I Lahia (Indo). Bronzes: S Malla (Nepal) and A Malloa (Indo). Light: A Tarorah (Indo) wo F Pangeran (Indo), scr. Bronzes: M Benk (USSR) and Liu Dong (China). Light-welter: S Magomed (USSR) bt E Jason (NZ). Bronzes: K Henenusa (Indo) and S Songphis (Aus). Welter: J Vachesiav (USSR) bt Chen Kun (China). Bronzes: B On Sane (Thai) and H Ramli (Malaysia). Light-middle: Abrar Hussain (Pak) bt B Alexander (USSR). Bronzes: C Andreu (NZ) and H Smangunsong (Indo). Middle: A Kiselev (USSR) bt Liu Xinyun (China). Bronzes P Bahari (Indo) and F Stevens (US). Light-heavy: Z Rostislav (USSR) bt M Orr (Aus). Bronzes. J Scott (US) and Wang Yamei (China). Heavy: T Artem (USSR) bt D Michael (US). Bronze: Hausak Abbas (Pak).

### CRICKET

RED STRIPE CUP: Georgetown: Windward Islands 133 and 13 for 1, Guyana 252 for 6 dec (A Jackman 71, C Lambert 57, S Dhaniram 52). Pointe-a-Pierre: Jamaica 261, Trinidad and Tobago 249 for 9 (R Nanan 52 not out). St John's, Antigua: Leeward Islands 207; Barbados 149 for 7 (C Best 53).

NATIONAL INDOOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Bowlers Manchester 103, Tonenham 81; Dartford All Blacks 127, Rochdale 77; Wolverhampton 134, Solihull 61; Wellingborough Rubican Aces 113, Ipswich Team Sallows 66; Hull 71, Sheffield 100, Eveready Higher Hounslow 69, Walsall 66; Peterborough 64, Leeds 41.

LEADING POSITIONS

| | P | W | D | L | Bonus | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rochdale | 11 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 40 | 76 |
| Dartford | 11 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 34 | 70 |
| Walsall | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 32 | 70 |
| Manchester | 11 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 29 | 65 |
| Hounslow | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 35 | 63 |

### NORDIC SKIING

LAHTI, Finland: World championships: Men's 15km freestyle cross country: 1, G Svan (Swe), 40min 39.8sec; 2, T Mogren (Swe), 41:02.9; 3, L Haland (Swe), 41:10.3; 4, A Prokurorov (USSR), 41:12.9; 5, J Rasanen (Fin), 41:22.1; 6, J Behle (WG), 41:26.6. British placings: 63, M Dixon, 46:24.9; 65, E Mackenzie, 46:57.3; 72, M Croasdale, 47:44.3; 78, A Wylie, 48:19.2. World Cup positions: 1, Svan, 145pts; 2, V Ulvang (Nor), 108; 3, P-G Mikkelsplass (Nor), 106. 90m ski jump: 1, J Puikkonen (Fin), 218.5pts (113.5, 107.0 metres); 2, J Weissflog (EG), 212.5 (114.5, 103.0); 3, M Nykanen (Fin), 205.0 (106.0, 108.5); 4, A-P Nikkola (Fin), 201.5 (111.0, 100.5); 5, A Verveikin (USSR), 199.5 (109.0, 103.0); equal 6, F Neulandtner (Austria), 198.5 (103.5, 103.5); L Dluhos (Cz), 198.5 (105.5, 103.5).

### TABLE TENNIS

MILTON KEYNES: County championship: Premier division: Yorkshire 4, Berkshire 5; Suffolk 1, Middlesex 8; Lancashire 7, Derbyshire 2; Devon 5, Leicestershire 4; Derbyshire 5, Suffolk 4; Middlesex 8, Yorkshire 1; Leicestershire 4, Lancashire 5; Berkshire 7, Devon 2; Middlesex 5, Berkshire 4; Yorkshire 4, Derbyshire 5; Suffolk 4, Leicestershire 5; Lancashire 8, Devon 1; Derbyshire 3, Middlesex 6, Devon 4, Suffolk 5; Leicestershire 4, Yorkshire 5; Berkshire 5, Lancashire 4. Middlesex win championship.

### TENNIS

VAUXHALL INDOOR CLUB TROPHY: Sunderland Puma 3, Chapel Allerton 0; Coventry Racquet Centre 3, Sutton Hard Courts 0; Telford RC 1, Matchpoint Bramhall 2; Mark Cox, Wimbledon 3, London Indoor 0; Middlesex Polytechnic 0, Queen's Club 3.

LYONS: Grand prix tournament: First round: M Gustafsson (Swe) bt O Rahnasto (Fin), 6-3, 6-3, T Benhabiles (Fr) bt C Saceanu (WG), 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; E Winogradsky (Fr) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 6-4, 6-4.

LAGOS: United Bank for Africa Classic: Final: P Haarhuis (Neth) bt K Novacek (Cz), 4-6, 7-6, 6-4.

WITA: Leading money-winners (US unless stated): 1, S Graf (WG), $200,120; 2, M Navratilova, $133,675; 3, H Sukova (Cz), $105,355; 4, Z Garrison, $72,252; 5, G Sabatini (Arg), $46,120; 6, B Cordwell (NZ), $45,921; 7, P Shriver, $44,276; 8, P Fendick, $41,028; 9, C Lindqvist (Swe), $39,121; 10, L McNeil, $29,425.

### ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Philadelphia Flyers 5, New York Islanders 4; Buffalo Sabres 6, Detroit Red Wings 4; Boston Bruins 4, Edmonton Oilers 2; Winnipeg Jets 7, Hartford Whalers 6 (OT); Montreal Canadiens 4, Chicago Black Hawks 4 (OT); Vancouver Canucks 3, Washington Capitals 2.

WALES CONFERENCE

| Patrick division | W | L | D | Pts | F | A |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pittsburgh Penguins | 32 | 22 | 5 | 69 | 266 | 248 |
| Washington Capitals | 29 | 23 | 10 | 68 | 223 | 204 |
| New York Rangers | 30 | 22 | 8 | 68 | 238 | 218 |
| Philadelphia Flyers | 29 | 28 | 3 | 61 | 229 | 208 |
| New Jersey Devils | 21 | 29 | 10 | 52 | 218 | 248 |
| New York Islanders | 21 | 35 | 3 | 45 | 195 | 243 |
| Adams division | | | | | | |
| Montreal Canadiens | 40 | 15 | 7 | 87 | 240 | 179 |
| Boston Bruins | 26 | 24 | 11 | 63 | 206 | 198 |
| Buffalo Sabres | 28 | 27 | 6 | 62 | 228 | 233 |
| Hartford Whalers | 25 | 29 | 4 | 54 | 216 | 208 |
| Quebec Nordiques | 21 | 34 | 6 | 48 | 207 | 268 |

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

| Norris division | W | L | D | Pts | F | A |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit Red Wings | 26 | 26 | 9 | 63 | 237 | 241 |
| Chicago Black Hawks | 22 | 31 | 8 | 52 | 236 | 255 |
| St Louis Blues | 21 | 26 | 10 | 52 | 203 | 218 |
| Minnesota North Stars | 18 | 28 | 13 | 49 | 196 | 222 |
| Toronto Maple Leafs | 20 | 34 | 5 | 45 | 180 | 246 |
| Smythe division | | | | | | |
| Calgary Flames | 41 | 12 | 8 | 90 | 258 | 172 |
| Los Angeles Kings | 31 | 23 | 5 | 67 | 302 | 257 |
| Edmonton Oilers | 29 | 27 | 6 | 64 | 254 | 239 |
| Vancouver Canucks | 25 | 29 | 7 | 57 | 200 | 197 |
| Winnipeg Jets | 20 | 29 | 10 | 50 | 224 | 260 |

### CYCLO-CROSS

MILDENHALL: (15 miles): 1, A Rochford (Mildenhall), 1hr 6min 56sec; 2, M Farrow (Renrad), 12 secs. 3, C Thompson (RT East), 4min 23sec

WESSEX CCA: (15 miles): 1, A MacDonald (GS Europe), 59min 47sec; 2, I MacDonald (GS Europe), 3min 21sec; 3, D Kenny (Bournemouth Arrow), 5min 09sec.

LONDON CCA MADISON: (10 miles): B Clarke (Wembley RC) and A Olusana (Clarence) 48min 30sec.

### FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Qualifying match: Thailand 1, Bangladesh 0.

### GOLF

TAMPA, Florida: Seniors tournament: Final scores: 207: R Charles, 68, 70, 69 (won play-off). J Ferree, 72, 70, 65; H Henning, 73, 67, 67 D Hill, 68, 69, 70. 208: D Sanders, 68, 70, 70. 210: C Rodriguez, 68, 70, 72. 211: A Palmer, 70, 71, 70. 213: R Beallo, 71, 73, 69; D Douglass, 74, 69, 70; G Littler, 73, 69, 71.

SONY WORLD RANKINGS (US unless stated): 1, S Ballesteros (Sp), 1,458pts. 2, A Lyle (GB), 1,386; 3, G Norman (Aus), 1,375; 4, C Strange, 1,135, 5, N Faldo (GB), 1,087; 6, M Calcavecchia, 1,037; 7, B Crenshaw, 921; 8, C Beck, 870; 9, D Frost (SA), 847; 10, P Azinger, 842.

### HANDBALL

CUMBERNAULD: International junior challenge: Under-21: Men: Scotland 19, England 16. Women: Scotland 21, England 22 (aet). Under-18: Men: Scotland 19, England 21 (aet) Under-16: Boys: Scotland 7, England 25. Girls: Scotland 9, England 22.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Olympic Cannock 15, Great Dane 21; Wakefield 22 Manchester United 26

MIDLAND LEAGUE: Droitwich Wasps 16, Aston University 41; Warwick Jaguars 23, Coventry 24; Wolverhampton Polytechnic 0, Leicester 10; Coventry 33, YAGO 21.

WOMEN'S ENGLISH LEAGUE CUP: Third round: 1, Wakefield, 12pts; 2, Manchester United, 10; 3, Arcton, 8, equal 4, Great Dane, Ruislip, 4; 6, Liverpool, 2, 7, Salford, 0.

### CYCLING

ANTIBES: Tour of the Mediterranean: Final stage (114 miles): 1, E De Wilde (Bel), 4hr 27min 14sec; 2, A van Der Poel (Neth), 5sec behind. 3, S Moreels (Bel), 10sec. 4, V Barteau (Fr), 15sec. Overall: 1, T Rominger (Swit), 18hr 50min 14sec. 2, L Roosen (Bel), 21sec behind; 3, R Leclerc (Fr), 37sec; 4, N Stephens (Aus), 57sec.

BELPASSO: Sicilian International Cycling Week: Third stage (96 miles, Italian unless stated): 1, B Leali, 4hr 3min 6sec, 2, G Brugnani, 10sec behind; 3, A Baffi, 12sec. Irish placing: 9, S Kelly, same time. Overall: 1, Leali, 13:31:46; 2, Baffi, 8sec behind; 3, Gavazzi, 11sec; 4, Kelly, 13sec.

### SNOOKER

GLASGOW: Scottish professional championship: Final: J Rea bt M McLeod, 9-7.

### SPEED SKATING

INNSBRUCK: World Cup: 500m: 1, D Jansen (US), 37.38sec. 2, Ki Tae-Bae (S Kor), 37.52; 3, U Mey (EG) 37.59. Overall: 1, Mey, 197pts; 2, Ki, 172, 3, Thometz, 141. 1,000m: 1, Jansen, 1min 15.78sec; 2, Mey, 1:15.81; 3, A Hoffmann (EG), 1:15.99. Overall: 1, Mey, 115; 2, Ki, 104. 3, E Flaim (US), 88. 5,000m: 1, G Karlstad (Nor), 6.58.57; 2, M Spielmann (EG), 7.02.93; 3, G Kemkers (Neth), 7.04.92. Overall: 1, Kemkers, 103. 2, Gustafson, 93; 3, Karlstad, 78.

### SQUASH RACKETS

NORWICH: East of England Championships: Quarter-Finals: Men: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt R Wan (NZ), 9-0, 9-1, 10-8. Z Jahan (Pak) bt M Oxley (Eng), 10-8, 1-9, 5-9, 9-0, 9-4. P Gregory (Eng) bt D Walker (Eng), 9-4, 9-4, 9-2. S Hailstone (Scot) bt N Stiles (Eng), 9-0, 9-4, 9-2. Women: R Lambourne (Aus) bt L Brown (Scot), 5-9, 9-1, 9-6, 9-7. S Horner (Eng) bt S Wright (Eng), 9-3, 9-4, 7-9, 9-0; R Beford (Aus) bt J Maran (Eng), 9-7, 2-9, 9-4, 3-9, 9-5; L Soutter (Eng) bt C Jackman (Eng), 9-0, 9-3, 9-5.

LEEDS: Berni national men's championship: Northern final: Carlisle 4, Chapel Allerton 1.

### BOWLS

YORK: Bristol and West champion of champions tournament: Northern area finals: First round: C Churcher (Consett) bt M Raynerd (Dalston), 21-19; R White (Addlethorpe, Skegness) bt D Ellis (Richardson, Malton), 21-5. J Blackett (Saltburn) bt W Bewick (Boldon), 21-10; D Holyoake (Leicester) bt C Cairns (Ashfield), 21-18; J Arnett (Erewash) bt F Smith (Hartlepool), 21-12; R Vinter (Boston) wo A Mayne (Swinton), scr: B Pettitt (Scunthorpe) bt H Hargreaves (Blackburn), 21-3. J Hayes (Harrogate) bt P Richardson (Teesside), 21-15. R Ames (Barwell) bt J Gilroy (S Tyneside), 21-15, G Niven (Bowlers Manchester) bt B Miller (Gedling), 21-15, H Smith (Huddersfield) bt B Houghton (Concordia), 21-19; J Goode (Grantham) bt R West (Dunholme), 21-9; R Macpherson (Avon Valley) bt R Nesbitt (Eston), 21-12; S Davies (Birmingham) bt R Brittan (Erdington), 21-19; S Lunt (Newcastle) bt R Worthing (Rugby), 21-9. E Rawcliffe (Blackpool, Fylde) bt M Bennett (Gateshead), 21-10.

NORWICH: Norwich Open Triples: Cup: Semi-finals: J Turner (E Tuddenham) bt G Clark (Carter Centre), 10-4, P Barnett (Coltishall) bt S North (Cambridge), 12-0. Final: Turner bt Barnett, 12-2. Shield: Semi-finals: F Sharp (Ipswich) bt J Pidgeon (Thurton), 8-2; R Potter (E Tuddenham) bt K Groom (Coltishall), 11-5. Final: Sharp bt Potter, 9-1. Plate: Semi-finals: R Wester (Wymall Rollers) bt R Hart (Lessingham), 6-2; D Rox (Bergh Apton) bt E Fordham (Cambridge), 6-4. Final: Wester bt Rox, 13-1.

### LUGE

CALGARY: World Cup: Men's pairs: 1, H Raffl and N Huber (It), 1min 31.344sec; 2, K Brugger and W Huber (It), 1:31.395; 3, J Hoffman and J Pietzsch (EG) 1:31.680. Final overall positions: 1, Raffl and Huber, 54pts; 2, S Krausse and J Behrendt (EG), 38; 3, Hoffman and Pietzsch, 35.

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# Wary optimism as House of Lords votes against Bill

By John Goodbody

Football last night reacted with cautious pleasure at the defeat in the House of Lords of the Government's controversial Football Spectators Bill, which aimed to force almost everyone attending League games in England to carry identity cards from next season.

The news that 12 Conservatives had joined the Opposition and Independent peers in voting in favour of an amendment to allow the Football Membership Authority to phase in the scheme division by division was unexpected because the Prime Minister herself had given her personal backing to the Bill.

The defeat was a major blow to the Government's determination to introduce the scheme, because it had always been planned to be introduced simultaneously at the 92 League clubs as a central part of the battle against hooliganism.

Martin Edwards, the chairman of Manchester United, said: "I hope that will be the end of the Bill. We have introduced our own scheme at Old Trafford and it is working well. I have never believed that the scheme would have been workable or solve any problems we have got."

William Fox, of the Football League Management Committee, greeted the news unemotionally. "Of course it is very good news that the Lords have seen the force of our arguments, but I wonder in the long term how much effect this victory will have.

"We must realize that the likelihood is still that the Bill will be rejigged and sent back to the House of Commons, where even though a lot of Conservatives do not believe in it, they will rally round the Government and vote it through because they have not got the backbone to stand up against what the Prime Minister wants."

Ever since the Heysel Stadium disaster in May 1985, when 39 people died after rioting by the Liverpool supporters before the European Cup final against Juventus, Mrs Thatcher has been keen on spectators being forced to carry identity cards for admission to League matches.

The Football League and Football Association have fought a rearguard action to prevent this scheme being adopted because they knew that it would lead to a drastic drop in attendances at League matches and jeopardize the financial future of many small clubs.

The Government tried to persuade all the clubs to introduce 100 per cent membership schemes unilaterally, but only a few agreed to have schemes covering even 50 per cent of the ground's capacity.

The Government finally lost patience last summer during the finals of the European Championship in West Germany, when more than 800 people were arrested in fighting in Stuttgart, Düsseldorf and Frankfurt, where England were playing their preliminary games.

The number of spectators arrested at League grounds has also risen to more than 6,000 a season since the Heysel Stadium disaster, although most of the recent problems have occurred in city centres, in service stations and on trains bringing supporters to and from matches.

Under the scheme, the Football Membership Authority would have the power to withdraw cards from individuals convicted of violence for either two or five years. There would also be a reporting system at the time of internationals abroad.

The office of Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, has been working flat out to draw up an acceptable scheme and to persuade members of both Houses of the importance of identity cards in helping to stamp out hooliganism.

Many MPs have been influenced by the enormous cost to the taxpayers of controlling violence outside the stadiums. It is estimated to be well over £30 million, only about £5 million is recovered from the game itself.

# Famous Five appeal to Lords

HARRY KERR



Five of Britain's most distinguished footballers from the 1950s yesterday visited the House of Lords to lobby members to oppose the Government's Football Spectators Bill, which from next season will make it compulsory for almost everyone attending matches in England to have identity cards (John Goodbody writes).

Jack Kelsey, John Charles and Nat Lofthouse (above, back row) and Ivor Allchurch and Tom Finney (front) presented a petition signed by many of their famous contemporaries to members. The House of Lords yesterday began debating amendements to the Bill.

The Football League had organized the petition, which was signed by, among others, Bobby and Jackie Charlton, Jimmy Greaves, Joe Mercer, Raich Carter and Tommy Lawton. Finney, who is president of Preston North End, stressed to the Lords that the game had spent £50 million on safety precautions either through the clubs or the Football Trusts.

"At Preston, we have spent £700,000 to ensure there is safety in the ground," he said. "This has been a big burden on clubs that have done a lot to put their house in order. The problems are now outside the stadiums."

But he accepted that the recent problems of violence would have been minimized if the clubs had earlier become genuinely integrated in the community that supplies the game's supporters. It has only been in the last decade that many clubs, an outstanding example of which is Preston, have become real social and sporting centres rather than only venues that are used by the public for watching matches.

All the former players lamented the growth of violence compared to the "friendly rivalry in the old days". Charles said there was far more trouble on the grounds in Italy in the 1950s and 1960s when he was playing for Juventus than in England. "But unlike recent incidents involving English supporters, the Italians never took their troubles abroad."

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END COLUMN

## Country boy has struck it rich

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles

**Orel Hershiser hardly has the appearance of a modern-day American hero. In fact, he looks as though he has been plucked out of the Iowa cornfields and dumped off in the big smoke.**

**His trademark is that of the big, all-American boy; aw, geeshucks and a bubble gum grin — a Jimmy Stewart in his *Mr Smith Goes to Washington* role. That kind of chap.**

**You might expect to find him conducting a ride at Disneyland or leading a boy scout troop on an overnight camp-out.**

**Instead, during the baseball season, Hershiser, aged 30, can be found on the pitcher's mound hurling baseballs at 95mph — or thereabouts — for the Los Angeles Dodgers.**

**Last year he was named baseball's "Most Valuable Player". This week Hershiser lived up to his billing by becoming the highest paid baseball player in history. For the next three years Hershiser, who often has to produce his identity card to prove he is over 21 when he pops into a bar, will earn $7.9 million.**

## No hick when pay time comes around

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## Tyson alone tops his earning power

**The *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*, in reporting the record-breaking negotiations, came up with some extraordinary statistics based on Hershiser's performance in the last year or so. Pegged on a salary of almost $2.8 million next season, he will collect $105,000 every time he steps out onto the pitcher's mound.**

**Should he win the game, that payment will increase to $200,000 per game, which breaks down to nearly $20,000 every time he strikes out a player. If he is sick, hung over or infirm in any way — or should he lose his form — the salary will still be there.**

**He has already written himself into the baseball record books that include stars such as Joe DiMaggio — who in his heyday earned a paltry $100,000 a year, although he did marry Marilyn Monroe — and Babe Ruth, the legendary home-run hitter who had a bar of chocolate named in his honour.**

**Of course there is more to Hershiser's earning power than his baseball salary. He has been given a five-figure advance to pen his life story, a guaranteed best-seller in sports circles, at least.**

**Cereal companies are heading the stampede of Fortune 500 corporations willing to shell out millions of dollars for long-term, fat contracts if Hershiser will peddle their wares or be a company spokesman.**

**Hershiser claims to be relatively untouched by these stratospheric figures. "It really doesn't feel any different," he said, before conceding: "We are going to be able to pay the bills very easily."**

# Andries looks for a 90-day double

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, Las Vegas

If one took the first 10 years of Dennis Andries's career and threw them away, as if they never mattered, he would not mind. At the age of 36 he is a born-again boxer.

For eight of those 10 years he was generally considered an untutored boxer, fit only for British competitions. Everyone laughed nervously when he became the World Boxing Council light-heavyweight champion in 1986.

"Oh, it won't last," his detractors said. They were right. Eleven months later he had lost the title to Thomas Hearns in Detroit, being stopped in the tenth round.

Andries disappeared for 11 months and everyone thought that the veteran had seen good sense and retired. But the Hackney boxer had picked himself up after defeat and walked into the Kronk gym of Hearns and asked for help. It was the first time anyone had sought refuge there.

"I was most impressed by his determination to make something of himself," Emmanuel Steward, director of the gym, said, "and I took him in." The hard men of the Kronk moulded Andries into a new fighter but, above all, Andries had found, for the first time, people who believed in him.

Sixteen months and five contests later, Andries had become thoroughly American and was back in the challenger's position for the world title. He said yesterday from Tucson, where he is meeting Tony Willis, of St Louis, today, for the World Boxing Council title vacated by Sugar Ray Leonard: "At last I have found people who are backing me all the way.

"In the Kronk they beat the hell out of you but they take care of you, too. There were days when my jaws ached so much that I could not even chew my food. But all I wanted was someone to believe in me and I didn't mind the pain."

Andries has a tough job against Willis, who has won all of his 16 bouts, of which 14 were by knockout. Andries has had five contests, if you do not count the other 37, and he has won all five.

"He is a very good fighter these days," Steward said. "He is not wild any more and he has good short punches and he has the hardest punch of anyone I have ever trained. We call him The Rock, because he's so tough.

"All he does is come to the gym and go back home to his room. He does not socialize, even though we have found him a place in an affluent part of town. He just thinks boxing. He is a man on a mission."

Steward believes he can regain the title but much depends on whether Willis, now with the Josephine Abercrombie stable in Houston, has the stamina to stay with Andries.

Willis held the NABF and USBF heavyweight titles but has moved down under the guidance of Al "Potato Pie" Boulden, from 210lb to 175lb. He could be feeling the strain of such a big weight loss when under pressure from Andries. But they call him "Tuff Tony" in Houston and believe that Andries will be his seventeenth victim.

"I'm just looking for him to try," Andries said. "I'm going to beat him and, in 90 days, fight Donny Lalonde and beat him up, too." Andries spoke with such conviction that you had to believe in him.

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# Jones set to return to the scene of his crime

Vinny Jones will provide the Wimbledon manager, Bobby Gould, with another headache when the FA Cup holders meet Everton in the sixth round at Goodison Park on March 19. Gould, whose team has been under fire for intimidation on the pitch, will have to decide whether to recall Jones, who is serving a four-match suspension after being sent off at Everton for the second successive season.

Jones ends his suspension just in time for the Cup game but, after his latest escapade, when he badly fouled Graeme Sharp and was accused of head butting Kevin Ratcliffe, he is not the most popular man on Merseyside. More to the point, the tie is being televised live and Gould may not want Jones under such an intense spotlight.

Gould was not prepared to discuss team selection for a match four weeks ahead, but said of Jones: "I think his four-match suspension is sufficient punishment." That could be a pointer to Jones being selected against Everton. Gould and most of the Wimbledon players felt that Ratcliffe over-reacted during the League meeting earlier this month.

Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, would not be drawn on the Jones incident, but said: "I'm pleased we have a home tie. It is the best you can hope for at this stage. But, after three difficult away ties, we have earned the right to be at home. Of course Wimbledon are a difficult side. They have been very successful in recent months and they will want to hang on to the FA Cup."

Liverpool are the strong Cup favourites, having drawn Brentford, who are twelfth in the third division, at Anfield. Brentford are one of only two survivors from outside the first division. The others, Bournemouth, have a replay at Manchester United tomorrow. The winners will be at home to Nottingham Forest.

FA CUP

## FA Cup sixth round draw

Liverpool v Brentford
West Ham United v Norwich City
Everton v Wimbledon
Bournemouth or Manchester United v Nottingham Forest

*Matches to be played on March 18; Everton v Wimbledon to be played March 19.*

FA CUP ODDS (William Hill): 13-8: Liverpool. 9-2: Manchester United. 11-2: Everton. 6-1: Nottingham Forest. 7-1: Norwich. 11-1: West Ham, Wimbledon. 200-1: Bournemouth. 250-1: Brentford.

Steve Perryman, the Brentford manager, who has taken the club into the quarter-finals for the first time in 40 years, said: "We have gained a bit of credibility out of our Cup run, so this gives us the chance to visit the mighty and see what we are made of. Apart from being a big pay day for the club, it will be a wonderful experience for the players. For a club like ours, to be mentioned in the same breath as Liverpool is an honour in itself."

West Ham United have drawn Norwich City at home, a tie which appeals to both John Lyall and Dave Stringer, the clubs' respective managers. The Norwich manager, Dave Stringer, whose team beat West Ham 2-1 at Carrow Road before the television cameras in December, said: "The Hammers are a good footballing side and that will suit us. We have only lost once away in the League and if we can keep that form up in the Cup we have a great chance of reaching the semi-finals for the first time since 1959."

Of the seven first division survivors, only Norwich have failed to win the FA Cup, and West Ham, Manchester United, twice, Liverpool, Everton and Wimbledon, have all won it in the last nine years.

# PFA to question Ward's dismissal

The Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) is to question the possible harshness of the dismissal of Mark Ward, the West Ham United player, for elbowing Colin Pates during the FA Cup match against Charlton Athletic on Saturday (Dennis Signy writes).

Although Ward faces an automatic three-match suspension for "violent conduct", Graham Taylor, the chief executive of the PFA, said yesterday: "The incident, on the television evidence, looked to be nothing more than a slight skirmish. If television is to be used to penalize players, as in the case of Paul Davis, it must be sauce for the gander to use the film as evidence in mitigation also." Ward denies the offence.

● Alan Buckley, the Grimsby Town manager, had a "clear the air" telephone conversation with his Wimbledon counterpart, Bobby Gould, yesterday, following remarks made in the heat of Saturday's FA Cup clash.

# England stick to winning formula

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

England confirmed yesterday that the team which finished the game against Ireland in Dublin on Saturday will start against France at Twickenham on March 4. Any doubts created by the facial injury to Jeff Probyn, which forced him to leave the field against the Irish, were resolved by Mick Molloy, the Ireland Rugby Football Union doctor, deciding that both he and Pat O'Hara suffered concussion during the game.

Under international regulations, therefore, neither player will be available for three weeks. O'Hara, the Sunday's Well flanker, will miss the game against Scotland at Murrayfield and Probyn, as well as missing his eleventh cap, will be unavailable to prop for Wasps in their Pilkington Cup match against Leicester this weekend.

Gareth Chilcott, of Bath, who is equally at home on the tight or loose-head side of the scrum, will start an international for the first time since that against Fiji last June, and his place among the replacements goes to Gary Pearce, England's most-capped prop, from Northampton, who also played at Suva.

Roger Uttley, the England coach, said yesterday that consideration had been given to the threat posed by the height of the French forwards at the back of the lineout. "Looking at the way they have played I think we can cope with what they will do," he said. "Having a player like Andy Robinson will give us an extra edge around the field, so I'm happy with the combination we have.

"France offer physical presence, skill at maintaining possession of the ball and, when they have sapped the strength of the opposition, the ability to release their threequarters, who are the most clinical finishers in the game. We need to avoid being taken in by their sleight of hand in threequarter play."

Uttley also commented on the indiscipline which saw England concede 20 penalties against Ireland — twice as many as in the previous international, against Scotland. "It's a big problem because of the intensity of these games. There needs to be greater discipline by all players in the championship; the shop window of the game needs to be a showpiece of all that is good in rugby.

"We can't afford to give away strong positions against France because of a moment's indiscretion. It's an area we have tightened up on. The basic philosophy is to maintain as much control through the course of the game as possible, and that's difficult when you have 60,000 people wanting to see some action.

"If there are inconsistencies in refereeing, I would hope our style of play won't be affected to any great degree. Any successful side must have confidence in themselves as players, as individuals; confidence in the team as a whole. If you have a confident team you don't need to resort to intimidating people. They are intimidated by the fact that you are a good player, they respect that, and you lose if you have to resort to the fist or whatever. Players have a responsibility to the game in that respect."

Richard Harding, the Bristol scrum half who captained England in the international in Fiji, will lead the B XV against France at Leicester on March 3. He is one of three senior caps — four is the maximum permitted — in the team, along with Kevin Simms and David Egerton, with a fourth, John Buckton, on the bench.

Audley Lumsden, the Bath full back, and one of five players new to B international rugby — the others are Tony Underwood, the younger brother of the England wing, Adrian Thompson, Mark Whitcombe and Richard Pascall — is played on the wing, where he appeared for England colts.

The selectors discussed a younger scrum half than Harding, who is 35, but Uttley said: "We had to look at captaincy and we decided we would be happy with a player of Richard's quality and experience in a position where he could take a grip on the game in a positive manner if the need arose."

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## England teams

ENGLAND: J M Webb (Bristol); R Underwood (Leicester), W D C Carling (Harlequins, captain), S J Halliday (Bath), C Oti (Wasps); C R Andrew (Wasps), C D Morris (Liverpool St Helens); P A G Rendall (Wasps), S Bloomfield (Nottingham), G J Callicott (Bath), M C Teague (Gloucester); W A Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), P J Ackford (Harlequins), R A Robinson (Bath), D Richards (Leicester). Replacements: M D Bailey (Wasps), S Barnes (Bath), S M Bates (Wasps), G J Pearce (Northampton), C J Oliver (Harlequins), G W Rees (Nottingham).
ENGLAND B: S E Ansbacher (Harlequins); A Lumsden (Bath), J Guscott (Bath), K G Simms (Wasps), T Underwood (Leicester); A L Thompson (Harlequins), R M Harding (Bristol); M A Whitcombe (Sale), K Dunn (Gloucester), R Pascall (Gloucester), S Hodgson (Vale of Lune), R Kimmins (Orrell), S D'Laury (Wasps), D J Pegler (Wasps), D W Egerton (Bath). Replacements: J R D Buckton (Saracens), D Pears (Sale), G Doggart (Aspatria), P Curtis (Harlequins), N Hitchin (Orrell), F J Ellison (Wasps).

## SPORT IN BRIEF

### Sim ready to top bill

Billy Sim, the promising London light-heavyweight boxer, is likely to top the bill at Basildon next month following Terry Marsh's withdrawal through injury. The controversial March 4 show could now be given Boxing Board of Control approval.

John Morris, the board secretary, said, with Marsh having pulled out, there was nothing to stop organizers from applying for board approval — "and it would probably be granted."

Marsh, the former world light-welterweight champion, who has not convinced the board he is fit to box after saying he was an epileptic, was on a show licensed by the IBF-UK group, which the board does not recognize.

### £10,000 help

The British open judo championships at Crystal Palace on April 8 to 9 are to receive £10,000 sponsorship from the Colin Draycott Group.



Murray: Sardinian win

### Isle triumph

Yvonne Murray, Britain's 3,000 metres Olympic bronze medal winner, from Scotland, won the women's 4.4-kilometre race at the Sardinia international cross country meeting on Sunday in 14 minutes 23 seconds.

### Family tie

David Loosemore, of Wales, the younger brother of the national champion, Sarah Loosemore, is included in the British 14-and-under tennis team for the European Winter Cup qualifying round this weekend in Sweden.

### Games ploy

Brisbane (AP) — Lani Engels, aged 20, an Australian woman seeking a divorce from the South African swimmer, Gary Brinkman, says she married him to help him try to obtain Australian citizenship and compete in the Olympics.

### Surplus

Worcestershire, the county cricket champions, made a surplus of £12,400 for the 1988 season.

### Unleaded run

Shell is backing Britain's first international motor event to be run exclusively on unleaded fuel. It is the official fuel supplier to October's Autoglass Tour, a week of mixed disciplines which covers 2,100-miles in the United Kingdom.

### East competes

For the first time, athletes from the Eastern Bloc will compete in the London Marathon on April 23. It is also the first time disabled athletes from Eastern Bloc countries will have competed outside their own countries.

# Princess Royal makes a plea for Manchester

By John Goodbody

The Princess Royal, the President of the British Olympic Association, yesterday appealed to the leaders of industry to give their support to Manchester's bid to stage the 1996 Games.

The Princess, who is one of the 93 members of the International Olympic Committee who will vote next year on the location of the Games, said at a reception to publicize Manchester's attempt that the IOC prefers a united front when considering bids. "It is not just Manchester that will benefit from the visitors when staging the Games," she said. "Visitors will certainly go to other parts of the country. The bid does need the backing of the whole country.

"The whole country will be on show." She said that it would be a mistake to hold a bad Olympic Games but she stressed that the Manchester bid was "very sound".

She had posed the question in the brochure distributed to the guests at the Mansion House: "What is it that makes Manchester think that it could succeed as Britain's Olympic candidate city to host the 1996 Olympic Games? The answer lies somewhere between the growing scope of the commercial and industrial sector — the population, the sporting tradition and the need for the buildings and facilities to provide more leisure opportunities for future generations."

Bob Scott, the personable chairman of the Manchester 1996 Olympic Bid Committee, stressed that there were three phases: winning the nomination; winning the vote of the IOC and running the Games. He described the members of the IOC as "quite a tricky lot" and a "rum crew. They are to be wooed".

Scott endorsed the Princess Royal's view that it was not just Manchester's bid but that of Britain, too. He announced that Manchester had already raised £1.7 million towards the costs of its bid. The other candidate cities are likely to be Athens, Belgrade, Toronto, Atlanta and Melbourne.

# Ireland change three

Ireland will almost certainly make only three changes in the team to meet Scotland at Murrayfield on Saturday week from that which lost to England in Dublin over the weekend (George Ace writes).

Keith Crossan will return to the left wing for Paul Haycock, Neil Francis will replace Willie Anderson at lock and Denis McBride will take over at flank forward for Pat O'Hara. The team will be announced today.

Haycock did nothing wrong on Saturday, but Crossan was an original selection and had to withdraw after being concussed in a club game last Saturday week. And with Francis back in action for London Irish his recall was always a distinct possibility.